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"But I should wish to make you think how great is the leap in the world which you are about to take." Then again they walked on for many steps before she answered him.

"Tell me, then, John," she said, when she had sufficiently considered what words she would speak; and as she spoke a dark bright color suffused her face, and her eyes flashed almost with anger. "What leap do you mean? Do you mean a leap upward?"

"Well, I hope it will be so."

"In one sense, certainly, it would be a leap upward. To be the wife of the man I loved to have the privilege of holding his happiness in my hand; to know that I was his own—the companion whom he had chosen out of all the world—that would, indeed be a leap upward; a leap almost to heaven, if all the were so. But if you mean upward in any other sense—"

"I was thinking of the social scale."

"Then, Captain Broughton, your thoughts were me. Dishonor."

"Doing you dishonor!"

"Yes, doing me dishonor. That your father is, in the world's esteem, a greater man than mine is doubtless true enough. That you, as a man, are richer than I am as a woman is doubtless also true. But you dishonor me, and yourself also, if these things can weigh with you now."

"Patience—I think you can hardly know what words you are saying to me."

"Pardon me, but I think I do. Nothing that you can give me—no gifts of that description—can weigh against that which I am giving you. If you had all the wealth and rank of the greatest lord in the land, it would count as nothing in such a scale. If—as I have not doubted—if in return for my heart you have given me yours, then—then—then you have paid me fully. But when gifts such as those are going, nothing else can count even as a make-weight."

"I do not quite understand you," he answered, after a pause. "I fear you are a little high-flown." And then, while the evening was still early, they walked back to the parsonage almost without another word.

Captain Broughton at this time had only one more full day to remain at Oxney Coln. On the afternoon following he was to go as far as Exeter, and thence return to London. Of course it would be expected that the wedding-day would be fixed before he went, and much had been said about it during the first day or two of his engagement. Then he had pressed for an early time, and Patience, with a girl's diffidence, had asked for some little delay. But now nothing was said on the subject; and how was it probable that such a matter could be settled after such a conversation as that which I have related; but on the following morning, knowing Captain Broughton had gone off—having heard the wheels of the carriage as they passed by the parsonage gate on his way to the station—she walked up to the Colne.

"He has told you, I suppose?" said she. "Yes," said Miss Le Smyrger. "And I will never see him again unless he asks your pardon on his knees. I have told him so. I would not even give him my hand as he went."

"But why so, then kindest one? The fault was mine more than his."

"I understand. I have eyes in my head," said the old maid. "I have watched him for the last four or five days. If you could have kept the truth to yourself and bade him keep off from you, he would have been at your feet now, licking the dust from your shoes."

"But, my dear friend, I do not want a man to lick dust from my shoes."

"Ah, you are a fool. You do not know the value of your own wealth."

"True; I have been a fool. I was a fool to think that one coming from such a life as has led could be happy with such as I am, the truth now. I have bought the lesson dearly, but perhaps not too dearly, seeing that it will never be forgotten."

There was but little more said about the matter between our three friends at Oxney Colne. What, indeed, could be said? Miss Le Smyrger for a year or two still expected that her nephew would return and claim his bride; but he has never done so, nor has there been any correspondence between them.

"Patience Woolsworth had learned her lesson dearly. She had given her whole heart to the man; and, though she so bore herself that no one was aware of the struggle, nevertheless the struggle within her bosom was very violent. She never told herself that she had done wrong; she never regretted her loss; but yet—she was very hard to bear. He also had loved her, but he was not capable of a love which could do much injury to his daily peace. Her daily peace was gone for a day to come."

Her father is still living; but there is a curse now in the parish. In conjunction with him and with Miss Le Smyrger she spends her time in the concerns of the parish. In her own eyes she is a confirmed old maid; and such is my opinion also. The romance of her life was played out in that summer.

Patience never sits now lonely on the hill-side thinking how much she might do for whom she really loved. But with a large heart she loves many, and, with no romance, she works hard to lighten the burdens of those she loves.

As for Captain Broughton, all the world knows that he did marry that heiress with whom his name was once before connected, and that he is now a useful member of Parliament, working on committees three or four days a week with a zeal that is indefatigable. Sometimes, not often, as he thinks of Patience Woolsworth's smile comes across his face.

"From whom else should it come? Who else can fight my battle for me; and, John, who else can fight that same battle on your behalf? I tell you this, that with your mind standing toward me as it does stand at present, you could not give me your hand at the altar with such words and a happy conscience. Is it not true? You have half repented of your bargain already. It is not so!"

He did not answer her; but getting up from his seat walked to the front of the summer-house, and stood there with his back turned upon her. It was not that he meant to be ungrateful, but in truth he did not know how to answer her. He had half repented of his bargain.

"John," she said, getting up and following him so that she could put her hand upon his arm, "I have been very angry with you."

"Angry with me!" he said, turning sharply upon her.

"Yes, angry with you. You would have treated me like a child. But that feeling has gone now. I am not angry now. There is my hand; the hand of a friend. Let the words that have been spoken between us be as though they had not been spoken. Let us both be free."

"Do you mean it?" he asked.

"Certainly I mean it. As she spoke these words her eyes were filled with tears in spite of all the efforts she could make to restrain them; but he was not looking at her, and he efforts had failed to prevent any sob from being audible."

"With all my heart," he said; and it was manifest from his tone that he had no thought of her happiness as he spoke. It was true that she had been angry with him—angry, as she had herself declared; but nevertheless, it was she who said that she had done such a melancholy and humiliating proof that kings are mortal."

"With all your heart, Captain Broughton! Well, so be it. If with all your heart, then the necessity is so much the greater. You go to-morrow. Shall we say farewell now?"

"Patience, I am not going to be lectured."

"Certainly not by me. Shall we say farewell now?"

"Yes, if you are determined."

"I am determined. Farewell, Captain Broughton. You have all my wishes for your happiness." And she held out her hand to him.

"Farewell!" he said. And he looked at her with a dark frown, as though he would strive to frighten her into submission. If so, he might have saved himself any such attempt.

"Farewell, Captain Broughton. Give me your hand, for I can not stay." He gave her hand, hardly knowing why he did so. She lifted it to her lips and kissed it, and leaving him, passed from the summer-house down through the wicket gate, and straight home to the parsonage.

"No, don't want 'em, my boy."

The keen, blue face, with its red, bare feet ingrained with dirt, and a bundle of scanty rags, looked pitifully up to me, moved off a little, but still hovered around us. Now, when I put down my first subscription to the Ragged School of Westminster, I took a moment's pledge from myself to encourage her face, or any tone in her voice, which excited his attention. On the following morning Captain Broughton called at the parsonage, and the servant-girl brought word to her mistress that he was in the parlor. But she was once more at home she went about her household affairs as she had done of the day of his arrival. When she sat down to dinner with her father he observed nothing to make him think that she was unhappy; nor during the evening was there any expression of grant children in the streets no more. Some of the children were passed from the summer-house down through the wicket gate, and straight home to the parsonage.

"Buy them the night, if you please. I'm very hungry, sir."

His little old face, which had lightened up, now fell, for from his bundle of papers, I saw his sales had been but few that day.

"I'll go for change, sir."

"My poor boy, you were very honest. Have you any wish—anything, poor child, I can do for you? I promise to—"

"Reb'y, I'm sure I'm deelin'—who will take care of you now?"

Little Reuben was instantly in a fit of crying, and threw himself prostrate on the bed.

"O Sandy, Sandy, Sandy!" sobbed his little heart.

"I will see to your brother."

"Thank you, sir! Danna—danna leave me, Reu—Reu—by. I'm com—comin', com—in'."

"Whist! whist!" cried little Reuby, looking up, and turning round to implore some silence in the room. That moment the calm smile that seemed to have alighted as a momentary visitant upon his face slowly passed away, the eyes became blank and glazed, and his life imperceptibly rippled out.

The honest boy lied in the Canongate churchyard, not far from the gravestone put up by Burns to the memory of Ferguson, his brother poet, and I have little Reuben at Dr. Guthrie's ragged school, and receive excellent accounts of him and from him.

"Your piano pleases us well. It is the best one we have two of Waters' Pianos in use in our Seminary, one of which has been severely tested for three years, and we can testify to their good sound and durability. —W. & G. MORRISON.

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Poetry.

For the Middlesex Journal.
A Prayer for the first "Republican" President.

Father, we pray Thee, let Thy care be given
To guard and guide the man of destiny, he
Let ministering spirits from Thy holy heaven
The faithful watchers o'er his pathway be,
Oh, give him strength, that he may never falter
Each duty to perform—by Thee made plain;
The tottering stones of Freedom's sacred altar—
May he make firm and beautiful again.

Over-Isis' waves the sweet dove he is sending—
May it bring back the olive leaves of Peace,
To all this strife, Oh, bring a peaceful end,
And bid the angry, troubled waters cease,
May the bright stars upon our Nation's banner,
By wild clouds, hidden louder than the noise,
Gloss from the dark sky. Thy kind voice hidden,
And shine henceforth with purer, steadier, light.

Once more, we ask Thee that Thy care be given
To guard and keep our Nation's honored head;
By ministering spirits from Thy holy Heaven
May he be safe in life's pathway led,
And not alone for him, is our weak prayer ascended.
Who calmly stands upon the "Rock of Liberty,"
We pray for her whose gentle life is blending,
That she a true heart-helper e'er may be.

ZELIA GERTRUDE GRAY.

Select Literature.

THE WAGER FOR LIFE.
A Sketch from a Judge's Note Book.

When George the Third was king, and when the royal princes of that period were in state of age which hovers between boyhood and manhood—when the three of that gigantic social earthquake in France, called the first revolution, were agitating Europe—there existed, in a smaller and more localized degree, as much consternation in and about the Court of St. James, on account of a series of dashing, insolent robberies, that the aristocracy or the court suffered from, as may be supposed to be felt by the crowned heads of Europe, at the aggressions of the French Directory.

It was one man who apparently caused all the consternation among the officials of the court,—one man who went by the name of the Black Highwayman.

From the assault of this man there seemed to be no ordinary means of safety. And yet it was so well known where he was to be looked for, if not found, that it seemed perfectly marvellous he should succeed in escaping in the manner he, from day to day, or rather from night to night, did.

On the road from St. James's to Kew, and from St. James's to Windsor, this Black Highwayman had established himself, and although many plans were devised for his capture, none had succeeded.

Sometimes, when hard pressed, he would appear merely to cross a hedge, and then disappear.

Sometimes he would only take such a turn of a road as would suffice to place him for a few seconds out of sight of his pursuers; and when they came up to the spot, he was gone as if he had vanished into the air, or been swallowed up by the solid earth.

He was a mystery, a subject of comment and of conversation in all the court circles, and many and wonderful were the anecdotes which were told of him.

But no anecdote in which there was any ferocity, any rudeness, or any apparent desire to commit bloodshed, could be told of the Black Highwayman.

If ever a public robber could be said to merit the name of a perfect gentleman, most certainly he was the man.

He would rob you with so much grace, and suavity, and politeness, that some folks had paraded with their money in a manner that puzzled them to say whether they had given it or been robbed of it.

If he stopped ladies, he was the pink of the pearl, the cream of politeness. His voice was attuned to the most melodious accents of the highest class of society; and no drawing room, where the *creme de la creme* of English aristocracy was to be found, could echo to such urbane and gentle sounds as come from between the lips of the Black Highwayman, as he would say, "Ladies, your money, if you please!"

And there was one peculiarity about him, that he never would take anything but money.

It was freely believed that if the crown jewels—if the whole Regalia were on the road—and if the Black Highwayman were to meet the same in the custody of a single Yeoman of the Guard, that he would let it pass free.

Another peculiarity was, that he never robbed any but ladies and gentlemen.

Poor men—tradesmen—professional men, with two exceptions, he let go free.

The two exceptions were lawyers and members of the Established Church; those he fled without the least compunction.

But he did that in a most polite and most complacent way.

It would be, "Sir, with many apologies, I arrest your further progress for a moment, to request your money of you!" or, "Really, gentlemen, you will think me very rude, but unless you prefer a bullet in your brains, you will be so good as to let me have your purse!"

Against such persuasions who could be proof?

The Black Highwayman prospered, and must have made an excellent thing of his profession.

But I have not yet explained why he was named Black Highwayman. It was simply because his whole costume was black, and one-half of his face was hidden by a visor or mask of the same hue.

A close-fitting black dress enveloped him from head to foot; and there were people who said that his horse likewise was clothed in black completely.

The ladies who had the good fortune to be stopped and robbed by so polite an individual, declared the only thing white they

could see were the brilliant teeth, when he smiled in the bland way he was in the habit of speaking to them when he demanded their purses.

But when one night he was set upon by mounted officers of the police, and shot two and unloosed a third, the fourth said he moved aside a piece of cloth or silk that covered his breast, and that, embroidered in silver, he then saw a skeleton's hand, which struck the fourth officer as so awful a sight, that he at once ran away.

At length, a reward of one thousand pounds was offered for the capture of the Black Highwayman, and it was intimated by the Secretary of State that his most gracious Majesty would clear the royal road between St. James and the two royal residences of Kew and Windsor of such a pest as the Black Highwayman.

Several of the cadets of noble families, who were on their preferment at court, said they would do it; and one young man named Allison, who was a royal page, and just about of an age to be transferred from that condition into the Guards swore he would do it.

The king smiled.
The queen took an extra pinch of snuff, and smiled likewise.

Lord Worsley, who was then Prime Minister, looked gracious; and young Allison departed full of valor to his enterprise.

St. George, when he went forth to slay the dragon—Sir Moore, of Moore Hall, with pikes abundant, when he sailed from his castle gate on a similar expedition, might have felt some terrors; but not so young Allison, the page actual, and the guardsman expectant.

His plan was this:—
He would take up his station at the commencement of the road on which all the assaults of the Black Highwayman had taken place, and he would be the escort of any one who should travel on that road.

Mounted on a good horse, and well armed, he would ride on about a hundred paces before any horseman and any carriage, and if he met the Black Highwayman, was to be able to give a good account of him."

"Well, well, it can't be helped. You go alone, my dear Allison, and much good may it do to you, and much luck may you have, Good night!"

Allison was nervous, but he looked again at the priming of his pistols. All was right, and he went off on foot to the Mews for his horse.

Now, before Allison, the king's page, reaches the bit of the road on which the exploits of the highwayman had taken place, I will briefly depict it to the reader.

The route to Windsor was likewise, for some part of the distance, the route to Kew.

There was a cross-road of three miles extent, which was very beautifully wooded,—which was, in fact, the only good and practicable road on which carriages and horses could proceed with comfort. It was the road on which the court always traveled; and in fact, had been cut on purpose to avoid either a considerable detour or some rutty, disagreeable lane.

On both sides of this new road there were tall hedges, with here and there trees, which formed a very pleasing and natural canopy over the road, as in the summer time their branches intermingled.

There were stacks of hay in the adjacent fields, and here and there a barn and a bovel, or laborer's cottage, but no habitation of any pretensions could be seen from the road, which had been cut through the fields, and copes, and plantations, only during the last eight or ten years.

It was this captain, then, who either ran against young Allison, or against whom young Allison ran, as he was making his way along a corridor of the palace, to leave it and go to the King's Mews for his horse.

"I beg your pardon!" said Allison.

"And I yours, Captain."

"Don't mention it. I'm sure it was my clumsiness."

"Nobody else, Captain Davison, will call you clumsy. I fancy I was in too great a hurry. You know I've set my life upon that April day young Mr. Allison, the page, took up his station.

"Enterprise!"

"Yes. Were you not in the 'presence' when I said I would take, alive or dead, the Black Highwayman?"

"Dear me, no!"

"Oh, yes!" added Allison, drawing himself up to his full height, which, after all, was not very imposing,—oh, yes! I must do it, or die!"

"You don't say so!"

"I do, indeed! You know somebody must do it."

"But are you going alone?"

"I hazard it."

"Very no doubt. But what would you be?"

Is a whole court to be vexed, brow-beaten, bullied, and robbed, by a cur of a highwayman?"

"Certainly not. Well, I wish you very good fortune, I am sure, Allison. Of course you go well armed?"

"Of course I do. I am going for my pistols now; I have them in my rooms."

"Well, I would advise you to shoot the fellow off-hand at once, for you know he has, by all accounts, as many doubles as a horse."

"Oh, I'll do it—I'll do it! Come in."

They had reached the outer door Allison's room.

"No, shall hinder you."

"Not at all. Come in."

They both entered the rooms together.

"It will be a feather in your cap," said Captain Davison, "and a thousand pounds in your purse, if you succeed in this matter."

"Of course it will. But now, Davidson, I tell you what I will do."

"What?"

"You are a good fellow, and a strong fellow, and I feel quite sure you are a bold fellow!"

"Oh, you are very good!"

"No, you are very good!"

"No, no! I say what I think, and no more. Come, now, five hundred pounds are not to be despised. I will take you with me, and we will share alike."

"Well—I—a—"

"Come, say the word!"

"My dear Allison, now that we are quite alone, and as I am quite sure that you will not repeat what I am about to say to my prejudice, I don't mind telling you that I would not shoot, or attempt to shoot the Black High-

wayman, for ten thousand pounds paid me now down on this table!"

Allison turned pale.

"You—world—not!"

"I certainly would not!"

"Well—but—but—eh?—you don't think that is, you don't mean to say you think the affair so very dangerous?"

"Dangerous is not the word."

"Not the word?"

"No! It is something that danger is nothing to. I only hope you have arranged all your affairs!"

"God bless me!"

"But I only debt you! I feel that I am hindering you, and that you want to be off at once, so I will not stay another moment."

Allison got pale still.

"Where are your pistols?" said Captain Davison.

"Herr."

"Loaded?"

"Oh, yes! With two slugs in each."

"Well, there is nothing like precaution. I wish you luck, that all your priming seems all right, too. Powder dry, and all that sort of thing. By the by, I tell you who will be glad to go with you."

"Who?—who?"

"Colonel Wickett. You know. You will find him in the guard-room."

"You think he will?"

"Sure of it. Go and broach the matter to him; I will wait here for you."

"I will."

Allison ran off, and was away about ten minutes; and when he returned he said, with a downcast look—

"No, Colonel Wickett won't go. He pretends to be offended, and said he was not a thief taker."

"Ah! did he?"

"Yes. But he added, that when he met the Black Highwayman he would be able to give a good account of him."

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"Hillo! hillo! One moment! One moment! Stop! Hillo!"

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"Nobody else, Captain Davison, will call you clumsy. I fancy I was in too great a hurry. You know I've set my life upon that April day young Mr. Allison, the page, took up his station.

"Enterprise!"

"Yes. Were you not in the 'presence' when I said I would take, alive or dead, the Black Highwayman?"

"Dear me, no!"

MIDDLESEX JOURNAL, SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1861.

ORIENTAL WANDERINGS.—ARAB GRATITUDE.—THE LIGHT OF THE HAREM.—During a successful medical career of more than twenty years, in the course of which he has visited every quarter of the globe, it may well be supposed that Professor Holloway has been the recipient of many distinguished marks of honor and esteem. He is the originator of a system of treatment which has swept over the world with a force and rapidity. In this enlightened age, the prophecies of the Truth, his fame everywhere preceded him. Even in traversing Arabia, some years ago, he found that his name and discoveries were well known to the Sheiks of the various tribes, and deputations of Arabs met him at various points of his journey, soliciting the great "Hakim," (their name for physician) to visit their tents and administer to the sick. He has been offered a high price, but with most profound respect, which dropped into absolute reverence as the effect of his wonderful remedies was witnessed by these children of the wilderness. Some of his adventures among them were quite of a romantic cast. One of their chiefs, a majestic old Bedouin, whose favorite daughter had been for years affected with a scrofulous disease, was so carried away with rapture at her recovery under Professor Holloway's hands, that, in a moment of transports, he offered him half his flocks and herds, if he would remain with the tribe and its quest for life.

While visiting Constantinople, on his return home, he had an audience of the Sultan, and was requested to prescribe for a favorite attendant in the imperial harem, who had been pronounced incurable by the Turkish doctors. She was a Circassian slave of surpassing beauty, and realized in her form and face the description of the "Young Nourmabé" as described in the "Tales of the Orient." Her disease was dyspepsia, aggravated, no doubt, by the effects of a sequestered and monotonous life. Within a month, however, Professor Holloway's great medicines, with the aid of daily exercise in the gardens of the Seraglio, accomplished a complete cure, and he subsequently received an autograph letter from the Sultan, thanking him in the warmest terms, for restoring to health the "Light of his Harem." No sooner was the news of this great success than Constantinople, then the Lodgings of the Great Franklin Physician, were literally besieged by dyspeptic Pashas and hiltous Beys, and from the period of his departure to the present time, the demand upon his agents in Constantinople for the remedies that bear his name has continually increased.—*Dr. Livingstone's Travels.*

DIPHTHERIA.—This disease, now so prevalent and fatal, is described, and its propagation and progress, to be understood by any one in a more forcible justificative of a pamphlet upon the "Science of Indian Medicines," by Dr. R. GREENE, Principal of the Indian Medical Institute. It is a valuable little book, and may be obtained at the office for twelve cents, or by mail enclosing four postage stamps, on addressing Dr. GREENE, M. D., 36 Bromfield Street, Boston.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—The greatest plague of life in the East.—"A thousand thousand are afflicted with this terrible scourge if we may be so fortunate as to believe that they are incurable—but an explanation of their character will satisfy any man of common sense that they are remediable. Piles and their kindred diseases arise from costiveness, overstraining or neglected appeals of nature; by removing these we extinguish the exciting causes. Holloway's Pills invigorate the stomach and invigorate the action of the bowels, and a few applications of the ointment to the seat of the disease will eradicate the piles forever—try them and be convinced."

Special Notices.

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THE POSTPONED GRAND MUSICAL SOIREE! By a corps of talented Artists, and THE MENDELSSOHN QUINTETTE CLUB, WILL BE GIVEN AT LYCEUM HALL, WOBURN, ON Wednesday Eve's next, April 17th.

The celebrated new National Song, "VIVA L'AMERICA," will be sung with appropriate Accessories.

Extra trains of cars will run and half fare will be charged for those out of town.

School Notice.

The High School and the Central Grammar School will commence April 15.

By order of School Committee,

B. F. BRONSON, Sec'y.

To Consumptives.

The Advertising has been directed to health in few weeks by a simple remedy, after having suffered several years with a sevengravious affection and that dread disease, Consumption—is anxious to know to his how his sufferer—the means of cure.

Now all who desire it, will send a copy of the prescription, and will be supplied with the same, and a sure CURE FOR CONSUMPTION. ANTHONY BROWN, C. H. CO., the only object of the advertiser is to furnish the public with the best and most accurate and spread information which he conceives to be invaluable, and he hopes every sufferer will try him, as he will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing.

Parties wishing the prescription will please address Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, Wethersfield, Kings County, New York.

Died.

REED.—In Woburn, April 7th, Mrs. Nancy D. Reed, widow of the late Capt. Wm. Reed, aged 69 years, 10 months.

TAX.—April 9th, Joanna C., wife of Oliver Tay, aged 64 years, 8 months.

MILLER.—In Sandwich, N. H., April 4th, J. Loring Miller, formerly of Woburn, aged 24 years, 10 days.

WATKINS.—In Worcester, April 6th, Elmie N. wife of Stephen Thompson, and daughter of the late A. G. Norcross of Franklin, aged 20 years, 6 months.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

INSOLVENCY.—Notice is hereby given that Hon. William A. Richardson, Judge of Court of Insolvency, in and for the said County of Middlesex, has issued a Warrant against the estate of

JOHN PLANDERS, of Woburn,

in said County, Shoe Manufacturer, Insolvent Debtor. The payment of any debts, and the recovery of property belonging to said insolvent Debtor, hereinafter to be used, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law. A meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts, and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at the Court of Insolvency, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the TWENTY-FOURTH day of April, instant, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

HORACE COLLAMORE, Deputy Sheriff, Messenger.

NEW PATENT GLASSING MACHINE.

THE Subscriber has recently patented a machine for Glassing Leather,

which is a great improvement on anything of the kind ever used, and is ready to manufacture them to order. The machine can be seen at Choate & Cummings' Tannery, in Woburn.

WILLIAM ELLARD, Woburn, April 13th, 1861.

Diaries for 1861!

ALL styles of Diaries for 1861, can be found at the WOBURN BOOKSTORE.

500,000 CUTTER'S SEEDLING STRAWBERRY PLANTS

For Sale at \$1.25 per 100, and \$10 per 1000.

THIS plant was introduced by the subscriber in 1859. It is the greatest and longest bearer known. It has produced at the rate of 7000 boxes per acre.

Also for sale—Wilson's Albany, Triumph, and twenty other varieties. Twenty varieties of Hardy and Winter—Concord, Delaware, Daceat, Amber, & Raspberry, Currant, Gooseberry, Rose Bush, Rhubarb, Asparagus roots, &c.

Apple Trees of large size, Pear, Peach, Cherry and Quince Trees, Maple Trees, Evergreens, &c.

Send for illustrated price Catalogue, enclosing stamp, 12th "Nursery near the Depot.

J. W. MANNING, READING, MASS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

MIDDLESEX SS. Reading, April 8th, 1861.

To all persons whom it may concern,

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Tax assessor upon the following premises situated in said Reading, for the years hereafter stated, have been paid, and are due and that they are at present in the name of NATHAN FROST, as is said in the notice, on MONDAY, the sixteenth day of MAY next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the Tax Assessor, and premises as shall be necessary to pay the taxes so assessed, and all lawful charges thereon, unless otherwise directed.

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Miscellaneous.

The Voice that Wins its Way.

If words could satisfy the heart,
The heart might find less care;
But words, like summer birds, depart,
And leave but empty air.

A little said, and truly said,
Can deeper joy impart.
Than hosts of words which reach the head
But never touch the heart.

A voice that wins its sunny way
A lonely home to cheer;

With the fewest words to say,
But, O, those few, how dear!

Forgive us our Trespasses.

"May I ask a shelter for the night?" said a gray-headed man, pausing at the gateway of a beautiful cottage.

"Yes, sir; I think father will be willing, I'll call him out;" and the fine little fellow bounded towards the house, soon returning with an elderly man, who said:—

"Sir, you are heartily welcome—I see the storm is gathering; walk in and consider yourself a guest for the night."

With slow and faltering steps—very slow and faltering—the man with silvered locks, moved along toward the house. They led him into a beautiful parlor, where pretty children with laughing eyes and winning-ways gathered about his chair; and what with smoothing the sunny locks of one, and answering the eager questions of another, he felt himself indeed a guest—and no stranger.

He looked poor, travel-stained, and time-worn; one would judge by his garments that he had known bitter want; but the father and mother and all the pretty children, thought none the less of him for that. They spoke even with kindlier words, as if they could make them a balm for his poverty. And they gave him an honorable seat at the table, saying silently to themselves these touching words—

"Pity the sorrows of a poor old man,
Whose trembling limbs have brought him to
your door;
Whose days have dwindled to the shortest span,
Oh! give relief, and Heaven will bless your store."

After a supper that seemed to refresh him, as dates found in a desert, they led him round the house that he might enjoy from various points, the gorgeous scenery of autumn; for the threatening clouds had rolled away, and left only the crimson glory of a full-orbed sunset.

It was the hour of family worship. Little faces grew subdued, and only less mirth. The piano was opened, and the fairy fingers of the eldest daughter played some sweet home melodies, every infant voice joining in with beautiful pathos. And the prayer was very touching—and the words most fervent—exceedingly so, where he said, "Forgive us, oh! our Father, as we have forgiven those who have wronged us."

After the prayers were ended, the stranger sat for a long time in silence; perhaps he was drinking the silent beauty of nature, for the moon lay broadly over a thousand fields, it seemed, and crowned the mountains with glittering silver.

At last he said, turning abruptly, "Do you hope to be forgiven as you have forgiven?"

"Most certainly I do," replied the host, smiling; "why do you ask?"

"Ay! but have you ever made trial of your heart? Were you ever deeply, cruelly, bitterly wronged?"

A sudden shadow passed over the calm face, and it was some moments before the reply came.

"Yes, deeply, cruelly, bitterly wronged—so that for a time I gave up all hope in my heart in God. But a divine power taught me to forgive; and I know from very soul I could embrace my enemy now—were he but living."

"And I," said the old man, "once ruined the hopes of a whole, a happy family—and inflicted a blow upon a loving head for which I have never forgiven myself. For," and he laid his shaking hand upon the hand of the other, and pressed closely in his face; "it was the heart of a mother I broke; and the spirit of a brother I made desolate."

His host shrank from his wild look, withdrew his hand from under that shaking clasp, and gazed at him in wild astonishment.

The old man sorrowfully shook his head; "So all abhor me," he said pitifully, "for I tell my story wherever I go and man love me no longer."

"Nay, I hate you not," said the other hurriedly; but for the love of heaven, your name?"

"It is the same as yours," said the old man, his lip quivering.

"And blessed be God, you are my brother!"

"Your brother!" he exclaimed simultaneously, and they fell weeping like infants into each other's arms.

"My poor brother!" murmured the youngest, gazing from head to foot at his shabby habiliments; thank God you have found a home—live with us always. Wife, take him by the hand; it is my brother, my only brother, come to us needy, that we may give him of our bounty with new delight. A happy man am I this night! Oh! brother, never, never doubt but you have been long forgiven; this shall testify," and holding his arms about the aged form, he kissed him fervently on his cheek, adding, "now as when we were infants, let us love one another."

The poor man sobbed with joy. As soon as he could find voice, he said:

"Bless thee, my brother! I am indeed poor in gratitude—but you mistake—I have a fortune so large, that it burdens me. Take it, it is yours and your children's. For this I sought you, but trembling, lest I should hear the words of hate. Be rich, brother—all is yours—only let me share a corner of your house—let me see the dear face of your children—I ask no more."

Need I say a happy family gathered round the morning table?

A BIG BITE.—While walking down College street, last Sunday evening, "The Subscriptor" came up with two negro boys, "aged respectively ten and fifteen years." The younger one carried an apple in his hand, and the elder one was using all his eloquence to obtain "just one bite" of it.

"Well," said the younger one, finally, "I'll give you jis one bite, but don't you take no more'n jis one bite."

The larger one took the apple, opened a mouth that would have been creditable to a hundred and fifty pound eat-fish, and brought it down on the fruit, leaving a very small share on the other side.

"Gaudy, gaudy Cognac Brandy,"

It is said, indeed, and truly said, to be always uniform in quality and character. Put up in pint and quart bottles, in cases containing two dozen pints at one dozen quarts, and in sets of eight quarts and a quarter.

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A Husband's Confession.

I never undertook but once to set at naught the authority of my wife. You know her way—cool, quiet, but as determined as ever grew. Just after we were married, and all was going on nice and rosy, she got me in the habit of doing all the churning. She never asked me to do it, you know, but then she—why it was done just in this way. She finished breakfast one morning, and slipping away from the table, she filled the churn with cream, and set it just where I couldn't help seeing what she wanted. So I took hold regularly enough, and churned till the butter came. She didn't thank me, but looked so nice and sweet about it, that I felt well paid. Well, when the next churning-day came along she did the same thing, and I followed suit and fetched the butter. Again, and it was done just so, and I was regularly in it every time. Not a word was said; you know, of course. Well, by-and-by this came, I think rather irksome. I wanted she should just ask me, but she never did, and I could'st say anything about it, so we went. At last I made a resolve that I would not churn another time unless she asked me. Churning day came, and when my breakfast—she always got nice breakfasts—was swallowed, there stood the churn. I got up, and standing a few minutes, just to give her a chance, put on my hat and walked out doors. I stopped in the yard to give her a chance to call me, but not a word said she, and so, with palpitating heart, I moved on. I went up town, up town, and all over town, and my foot was as restless as Noah's dove. I felt it had done a wrong—I didn't exactly know how—but there was an indescribable sensation of guilt resting upon me all the forenoon. It seemed as if dinner-time would never come, and as for going home one minute before dinner, I would as soon cut my ears off. So I went fretting and moaning around till dinner-time. 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Friend Sorrow.

Do not cheat thy heart and tell her,
Grief will pass away—
"Hope for fair times in future,
And forget to-day."
Tell her, if you will, that sorrow
Need not come in vain;
Tell her that the lesson taught her
Far outweighs the pain.

Cheat her not with the old comfort,
"Soon she will forget."
Bitter truth, alas, but matter
Rather for regret;
But her not seek other pleasures,
Turn to other things;
Rather nurse her caged sorrow
Till the captive sings.

Rather bid her go forth bravely,
And the stranger greet;
Not as foe, with shield and buckler,
But as dear friends meet;
Bid her with a strong clasp hold her,
By her dusky wings;
And she'll whisper low and gently
Blessing that she brings.

Select Literature.

Mr. Woodbridge's Investment.

The fiery crimson of the stormy November sunset was staining all the hills with its lurid glare—the wind, murmuring restlessly among the dead leaves that lay heaped over the wood paths, seemed to mourn with an almost human voice. But the autumnal melancholy, without only served to heighten the cheerfulness of the roaring wood fire, whose ruddy glow danced and quivered over the rough rafters of Farmer Woodbridge's spacious old kitchen, sparkling on the polished surfaces of platters and glimmering brasses, and sending a long stream of radiance through the uncurtained windows out upon the darkening road.

"Yes, as I was sayin' afore," observed the old farmer, rubbing his toll-hardened hands together, and gazing thoughtfully into the fire, "it's been a capital harvest this year—I wouldn't ask for no better. So, wife, you just pick out some of them yaller pipin' apples, and put 'em inside Jessie's basket agin when she calls arter it."

"Won't the little red 'uns do as well? I calculated to keep them pippins for market—Squire Benson says they're worth—"

"I don't keev what they're worth," interrupted the farmer, as his helpers, a spare, angular woman, with a face ploughed with innumerable little lines of care, fingered the yellow-cheeked apples dubiously. "I tell you what it is, Keturah, folks never yet lost anything by doin' a kind thing. I never could make you believe that unless the price came right in, in hard cash! Now here's Jessie Morton, as likely a gal as ever breathed, teachin' school day in and day out, and her marn' sewin' to him earnin' a livin' by the hardest work—born ladies, both on 'em. Don't you s'pose these apples will be worth more to them, if you give 'em with a kind word, than they would be to that pesky tight-fisted agent, up to Hardwiche Hall, if he gave a dollar a bushel?"

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Then she said, suddenly, pausing with a feeling as if she had been almost too communicative, "If we could only cross yonder lawn, the gates are close by, but we shall have to go a quarter of a mile out of a year? However let the dear enigmas have their own way. I'm sure I am the last person in the world to object."

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"Lady, what have you got there?"

Servant. Candies, Misses, to light your windows for illumination.

L. Well you can return them to where you brought them from, as I shall not allow them in this room.

S. (Not to be fooled so easily, resumed.) Oh! but massa told me to put up do lights, and so I got to put 'em up.

L. Can't help it; this is my room, and I shan't allow the windows to be illuminated for what I am opposed to; so that ends it.

This closed the first act. The servant reported to the proprietors, who immediately proceeded to the lady's room with a view to convincing her of the importance of permitting the servant to make ready for the grand evening light-up. Said they, "This room is the most central in the entire front, and not to illuminate it will be to mar seriously the effect of the whole," to which the lady replied:

"I don't see any reasonable cause why we should go ahead," he said pertinaciously, "There's a path here, and I suppose it was made to walk on."

"Not for you," said the agent contemptuously, "so go back as fast as you can."

"It is possible that people are made to travel a circuitous and unpleasant route, for no other earthly reason than your caprices, sir?" asked the gentleman, looking down at the little man from the altitude of his six feet, with a kind of laughing scorn. "Did it ever occur to you, my friend, that others have rights and conveniences as well as yourself?"

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The mansion itself, however, was far from presenting the gaiety which pervaded all nature, and our hero's countenance underwent a ludicrous transformation, as he eyed the yawning windows and wide open doors.

"By all the powers!" said he to himself, "if Isabel isn't cleaning house again! Well, women are most unaccountable creatures! I do believe they delight in turning things upside down, and making themselves and the rest of the world uncomfortable. What's the use of choking people with dust, and debugging 'em with water twice a year? However let the dear enigmas have their own way. I'm sure I am the last person in the world to object."

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"Lady, what have you got there?"

Servant. Candies, Misses, to light your windows for illumination.

L. Well you can return them to where you brought them from, as I shall not allow them in this room.

S. (Not to be fooled so easily, resumed.) Oh! but massa told me to put up do lights, and so I got to put 'em up.

L. Can't help it; this is my room, and I shan't allow the windows to be illuminated for what I am opposed to; so that ends it.

This closed the first act. The servant reported to the proprietors, who immediately proceeded to the lady's room with a view to convincing her of the importance of permitting the servant to make ready for the grand evening light-up. Said they, "This room is the most central in the entire front, and not to illuminate it will be to mar seriously the effect of the whole," to which the lady replied:

"I don't see any reasonable cause why we should go ahead," he said pertinaciously, "There's a path here, and I suppose it was made to walk on."

"Not for you," said the agent contemptuously, "so go back as fast as you can."

"It is possible that people are made to travel a circuitous and unpleasant route, for no other earthly reason than your caprices, sir?" asked the gentleman, looking down at the little man from the altitude of his six feet, with a kind of laughing scorn. "Did it ever occur to you, my friend, that others have rights and conveniences as well as yourself?"

"Charity begins to hum," said Keturah, jerking out the supper table, with an odd twist of the face. "Not but what Jessie's well enough—but you'd a plague sight better scratch your pennies together to pay up that mortgage, if you don't want the Hardwiche agent foreclosing on you. And them pippins is just as good as so much money. There they be, anyhow, in the basket—one of your investments, I guess!"

"One of my investments, then, if you like to call it so, Keturah," said the farmer, with a good-humored laugh, banishing the annoyed expression which had overspread his face when she alluded to the mortgage.

"Come long in, Jessie, my gal!" he added cheerily, as the light touch sounded on his doorknobs. "Here's the basket, all right, and some o' them golden pippins tucked in to't. Maybe they'll tempt your mother's appetite!"

Jessie Morton was a slender, graceful girl of about seventeen, with satin smooth bands of chestnut hair, parted above a low, sunny forehead, large liquid eyes, and cheeks which Farmer Woodbridge always said "set him to thinkin' of them velvet lookin' Jersey peaches that green on the tree down in the south medder!" She took up the basket with a grateful smile that went even to the heart of Mrs. Keturah.

"O, Mr. Woodbridge, how kind you are to us! If I were only rich—if I could only make some return—"

"Don't you say a word about that ar," said the farmer, rubbing his nose very hard, "Zen you run home as fast as you can put, for it's gettng most dark, and the November wind ain't no ways healthy as I ever heard on. And I say, Jessie, if it rains to-morrow you can't get to school handy, just you stop here and I'll give you a lift in my wagon."

"Dear old Mr. Woodbridge," soliloquized Jessie Morton to herself, as her light footstep pattered along on the fallen leaves, "how many, many times I had cause to thank his generous heart. And to think that he should be so distressed about the mortgage by the agent at Hardwiche Hall!"

She paused for a moment to look up where the stately roofs and gables of the Hall rose darkly outlined against the crimson that still burned stormily in the sky. On a commanding height, and nearly hidden in trees, many of whom still retained their brilliant autumn foliage, it seemed almost like an old baronial castle.

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WOBURN, SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1861

THE WAR.

War is indeed upon us in all its stern reality. We have long been accustomed to read of wars and battles in distant lands—to contemplate other nations, less fortunate than ourselves, rent in pieces by civil strife; but these commotions were too far removed from the pathway of our daily lives to make the impression such events are calculated to produce. We have read of the deeds and the trials of our fathers in the Revolution, and our innocent souls have thrilled at the glorious, self-sacrificing deeds performed by them. But now—we ourselves are witnesses of the rending asunder of this once glorious Republic—while the ensign of the nation—the stars and the stripes—long honored throughout the world—has been trampled in the dust by the feet of traitors. Were there any good and valid reason for the course pursued by the South,—had they really been oppressed, abused and deprived of their constitutional rights by the North, the whole matter would assume a new aspect. Resistance, revolution, would then have some foundation—pretended or real—upon which to rest. But the cause of the present trouble is very different from this. The men of the South have long lorded it over the North, and have compelled them, like slaves—to stoop to their bidding. Finally, with its constantly increasing power, the North has refused to yield servile obedience to these self-constituted masters, and, through the ballot box—placing Abraham Lincoln in the Presidential chair—proclaimed themselves free. Being thus defeated, the South seems bent on recovering its lost supremacy, or bringing ruin upon the country. They have evidently calculated upon much aid from the North, and have already received far too much sympathy from this source. They have sought, by every means in their power to rob and despoil the Government of money and munitions of war, and have even evoked an attack upon our commerce by piratical vessels, fitted out under the false name of privateers. They will unquestionably capture some of our vessels, but a retribution, swift and terrible, must fall upon the heads of such as shall be found thus engaged. The spirit of '76 is already awakened all over the North, and the millions of her sons are rushing forward to sustain the Government, or to die nobly upon the field of strife, if such shall be the will of Heaven. If compelled to submit to the slave oligarchy, and cringe beneath its lash like plantation slaves, who would not prefer death to such a life? But we shall not, we will not live thus. The whole North, from the forests of Maine to the far off sources of the Mississippi—are awakened and arming themselves for the conflict with a union of feeling and of purpose that has obliterated all party distinctions. How sublime the sight of a people arising in their might, and arming in defense of their Government and their dearest rights, and how terrible will be the blows that they will deal upon traitor heads.

It is the duty of every man to do what he can to sustain the Government in this its hour of peril. There is no man so humble, no woman so feeble, as not to exert an influence that shall be felt for good. How much stronger we all feel, and how much more vigorously we act when we hear those in the lowest walks of life expressing their interest in this cause, and their willingness to march where their country needs their services. But who does not feel his blood boil with indignation when he hears of those who sympathize with Southern traitors, and possibly, even pray for their success. There are but two sides to this question. The man who is not for the North is for the South. Men are watched, now. They have been for a long time at the South, and there they should be.

In a righteous cause—and such is ours—a people rising in their might, cannot be crushed in the dust. One brave man may fall on the field of strife, but two will step to take the place of every one that shall be cut down. Let the North send forth her armed hosts—strong in heart and firm in the purpose to crush out that despotism which is sought to be laid upon them—worse by far than Afric's sons have ever tasted. We need not tell them to do their duty. They will do it. God speed them on their high and holy mission, and enable them, where treason and wrong now lift their guilty front, to set high the standard of Justice, Freedom and obedience to Law. It is now emphatically that they are called upon to strike for "God and their native land."

The *Journal des Débats* expresses the opinion that New York and Boston, in spite of secession, must be theemporiums in which Europe will purchase grain, cotton and tobacco. "The south will not fail to see this fact in the light of the old fable of the members and the Stomach."

RECRUITING OFFICES.—There are not wanting those who fear that the Government will proceed to draft more at the North to send into the army and navy, even if contrary to their inclination. But such people will have cause to dismiss their fears, inasmuch as the recruiting offices are thronged with men who are desirous of enlisting. The Government will find volunteers to meet all its wants, and the greater the need the greater will be the number.

ACCIDENT.

A son of Mr. Jesse Cutler, cut off two of his fingers while playing with a bay cutter on Monday afternoon.

Woburn Falls into Line!

An enthusiastic meeting was held in Lyceum Hall last Thursday evening to consider the question of raising a company to aid the National Government at the present time of danger. Hon. Charles Chase was called to act as Chairman, and Mr. Sparrow Horton was appointed Secretary, Capt. W. T. Grammer proposed to revive the "Woburn Mechanic Phalanx" and raise a company of 80 men. He wished the town to equip the Company. A list was opened and 38 names, including 18 of the past members of the Phalanx, procured. A subscription was also opened and \$3,350.00 was raised on the spot. Rev. Dr. Stebbins offered to give in \$500 of his salary, if needed for any destitute families of those who might go to aid the government. Patriotic addresses were made. A committee, consisting of Messrs. John Cummings, Jr., Charles Tidd, Horace Conn, Horace Colmore and Moses A. Tyler, was appointed to solicit additional funds, and to report at an adjourned meeting. Messrs. C. Choate, Bowe Buckman, and J. B. Winn, were appointed to receive and disburse the funds subscribed. Woburn was not behind in 1775, nor will she be in 1861. It is thought that two companies can be raised easily from Woburn and surrounding towns. The following subscription list shows that our men of means are in earnest:

J. B. Winn, \$500 Edward Simonds, J. Cummings, Jr., 250 Geo. H. Conn, Chas. Choate, 250 M. A. Tyler, Bowe Buckman, 200 Elbridge Trull, Oliver R. Clark, 100 Joseph Buck, S. R. Doville, 100 L. B. Norris, Charles Tidd, 100 Albert Carter, Cyrus Cummings, 100 Nathan Wyman, J. F. K. Lynde, 100 J. Littlefield, 100 G. Pollard, John Clough, 100 Lewis Lull, M. C. Bean, 100 C. W. Stevens, G. W. Allen, 100 Wm. Totman, A. G. Carter, 100 Sam. S. Frye, A. E. Thompson, 100 Chas. A. Smith, Jotham Hill, 100 Joseph McIntire, E. N. Blake, 100 James Buel, D. D. Hart, 100 Hiram Whifford, Chapman Bros., 100 Geo. S. Simonds, Joseph Kelley, 100 S. Horton, 50 John Marcy, Since the meeting, the committee have received, up to Friday night, the following additional sums:

Eli Jones, 100 Dexter Carter, P. H. Richardson, 100 John Ellard, John Jones, 100 Jacob Sartell, Stephen Nichols, 100 Geo. W. Reed, Charles Nichols, 100 J. S. Ingerson, W. P. Parker, 50 Willis Buckman, J. Dexter Taylor, 50 Daniel March, S. O. Pollard, 50 H. Harriman, J. S. Ellis, 50 A. J. Parker, G. R. Gage, D. O. Bianchard, 50 Aaron Thompson, John Lane, 25 Pettengill & Co., Amos Knifton, 25 J. D. Richardson, Amos Phillips, 25 J. J. Shedd, S. E. Thompson, 25 C. C. Thompson, Alfred Eaton, 25 A. H. Perkins, Josua Stoddard, 25 J. M. Eaton, F. C. Parker, 25 Wm. Pierce, A. B. Johnson, 25 Sam. E. Skelton, L. L. Whiting, 25 J. H. Shedd, W. R. Putnam, 25 Geo. Russell, A. P. Pollard, 25 Mark Downs, Simon Holden, 25 L. Winship, 25 Henry Cummings, A. J. A. Hayward, 25 John Linnell, 25 Joseph Linnell, 25 Israel Putnam, J. E. Parker, 25 Sam. E. Skelton, F. Smith, 25 Luke Tay, John Tidd & Son, 25 E. F. Pool, Jr., H. Collamer, 25 J. W. Knights, 25 J. S. Brown, Wm. Woodbury, 25 Anthony Carter, L. Thompson, Jr., 20 Alvan Buckman, 15 Wm. Webster Wyman, E. P. Pollard, 15 Wm. K. Hall, 10 B. B. Richardson, John Bacon, 10 E. Hackett, 10 N. C. B. B. Richardson, Josiah Bissell, 10 N. C. B. B. Richardson, Warren B. Perkins, 10 Francis Richardson, Stephen Nichols, Jr., 10 D. Freeman, Jr., Horace H. Tidd, 10 A. Frasier, T. F. Reed, 10 R. Emery,

C. E. Morse gives 25 woolen shirts, and Jacob Pierce gives 6 cords of wood.

The total amount, as above, is \$5,397.

This amount is nothing but a mere show of the sum that Woburn will give when the call comes for more. The patriotism of her citizens is too sound and too true to allow their capital to lie dormant when their country calls for men and money. If there are any in Woburn who have not yet realized the importance of the crisis to the North, and who still side with the South, we pity their despicable position from the bottom of our heart, and hope are another sun sets that they will see the error of their ways. This is no time to think about party; we are not waging a party warfare; we are defending our birthright, under the shadow of the constitution, as becomes a people who are forced to extremes by the foolhardiness of heedless and unprincipled men—men who would not scruple to sell their birthright for thirty pieces of craven silver. How can men in times like these, face their fellow citizens with a defense of the rankest and most abominable proceedings that ever man was guilty of? Those who do so cannot be in possession of their sound senses—they must be insane. A day of retribution for the bad deeds of the South is fast approaching; the myriads of Northern freemen who will gather at their country's call, will teach them a lesson which the lapse of time cannot obliterate, or the dust of ages bury. Men who know the justness of their cause and their own great strength, can afford to be lenient—as has been the case during the past six months—toward their obstreperous neighbors as long as they merely bandy words, but when they put at nought their rights and privileges by the voice of the cannon, then forbearance ceases to be a virtue, and retribution, firm and full, is demanded by justice and humanity.

Come, sons of Woburn, one and all, rouse and do not skulk from the path of duty. If you cannot all fight, you can freely give of your bounties, so that the families of those who are willing to face the enemy shall not want, nor feel the loneliness of their position for the need of means and sympathy.

The above meeting was adjourned until this (Saturday) evening, at 7 o'clock. Let Lyceum Hall be filled to overflowing, and each one go with the determination to do his whole duty, not forgetting that money is more needed than men just now.

SCALDED.—A child, of Michael Murphy, living on Ockley Court, 18 months old, was badly scalded on Sunday afternoon last, by upsetting over himself a pail of hot fat, which left standing on a table. The liquid ran all over his left breast, scalding it in a shocking manner.

ACCIDENT.—A son of Mr. Jesse Cutler, cut off two of his fingers while playing with a bay cutter on Monday afternoon.

Selectmen's Meetings.

Since a record has been kept of the doings of the Selectmen, it has frequently occurred to us, that a report of their transactions would not prove uninteresting to our readers; we therefore present them this week with a portion of the doings at recent meetings of the Board, and in future shall publish them in our next issue after the meetings. We shall only give certain parts of the proceedings, as many things will be brought up for the consideration of the Board, in which the public at large are but little interested.

MEETING, MARCH 14TH.—Present, Messrs. Cummings, Dow, Trull, Blake, Totman, Kelley, Wyman and Thompson. Messrs. Cummings and Totman were chosen Overseers of the Poor.

A petition was presented from William Walker and others, praying for the influence of the Board to prevent the Stoneham Branch Railroad from building said road on a grade with the travelled roads, but rather to bridge them. Said petition was laid on the table.

Messrs. Totman, Trull, Blake, Wyman were chosen a committee on Schools.

Mr. Blake was appointed a committee to repair the abutments on Rag Rock Avenue to repair said Avenue or close it up.

Adjourned to Thursday, March 21st.

MARCH 21ST.—Present, Messrs. Cummings, Dow, Trull, Blake, Totman, Kelley, Wyman and Thompson.

Voted, that no bills shall be paid by the town treasurer until said bills come before the Board of Selectmen and be approved by them, and afterward being approved by the Chairman and Clerk.

Voted, that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to look for more convenient rooms for the use of the Board. Voted that Messrs. Dow, Trull and Grammer, be said committee, adjourned till March 28th.

MARCH 28TH.—Present, Messrs. Cummings, Dow, Trull, Kelley, Grammer, Wyman, Blake, Thompson and Totman.

Voted, that the E. E. Thompson be added to the School Committee.

Voted, that Mr. Dow be a committee to procure an additional room for the use of Selectmen.

VOTED.—As our statement, last week on the "Glassing Machines," two errors crept in.

The first occurs in the thirteenth line—the word "lost" should be "received;" and the next in the third last line, "cracks up coarse," should read "breaks up coarse."

MARSH PATHFINDER.—As a specimen of the intense and general patriotic feeling in the "Rural Districts," where there are no organized military companies, we understand that somewhat enthusiastic relative of Abraham Lincoln, residing in Lyndfield Centre, wrote to him, on the reception of his War Proclamation, that if needful all Lyndfield, including the Minister, would buckle on the armor in defense of the country; while the members of the principal school declares that if needful all the men of the town would do the same.

That Marcus Eaton and Edwin Fuller be appointed measurers of upper leather.

That Jos. Kelley be a committee to see to the erection of proper and necessary guide posts throughout the town.

That Jos. Kelley be a committee to cause all streets now laid out, the plans of which are not now drawn on the town book, to be surveyed and put on the town book; also to cause stones to be placed to be placed on all streets where such should be placed.

That Messrs. Wyman and Kelley be a committee to see to the repairing of the schoolhouse on Green st.

That Messrs. Trull, Blake and Wyman be a committee on the petition of G. W. Allen and others, for a street from Franklin to Park street.

Voted, to accept the bonds of J. A. Parker, L. C. Enders and P. A. Norris as Constables. (That of Edward Simonds was accepted at a previous meeting.)

A petition from Charles Jones and others, was presented, praying attention to the overflow of bad water between Railroad and Union streets, which they consider a nuisance.

Messrs. Trull and Kelley were appointed a committee on the subject.

Adjourned till May 2d.

APRIL MEETING.

Proceedings of Town Meeting held Monday, April 15th:

On Article 1.—Chose Horace Conn moderator.

On Art. 2.—G. Leslie, D. W. Danforth, N. Kendall, S. W. Taylor, John A. Jones, Oliver H. Parker, T. W. Mead, Sewell Taylor were chosen field drivers, only one of those chosen at the March meeting having been qualified.

On Art. 3.—The following report was accepted and adopted by the School Committee to whom was referred the subject of naming the schools in town have attended to the duty assigned them, and submitted the following Report—

It seemed to your Committee that no method more satisfactory and intelligible could be adopted in naming the schools in town than to call them after the village in which they are located, and when that is not convenient, the public streets on which they stand, or the names of the persons for whom they are chiefly accessible. Directed by this principle we recommend the following names—

In old District No. 1.—Central Grammar School, Franklin street Primary No. 1, 2, 3; Main street Intermediate and Primary; Warren street Intermediate and Primary; Pleasant street Primary.

In old District No. 2.—North Woburn Grammar, Intermediate and Primary.

In old District No. 3.—Cedar street Mixed School.

In old District No. 4.—East Woburn Mixed School.

In old District No. 5.—Cambridge street Mixed School.

In old District No. 6.—Cummingsville Grammar and Primary.

It will be seen that the name of the streets or villages indicate at once the location of the respective schools. Should new streets be accepted by the town, it will be very easy to adapt the names to the new street. There being but one High School in town your Committee did not think it necessary to mention any name for it, the present one being sufficiently significant.

All which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

RUFUS P. STEBBINS, Chairman.

On Art. 5.—The report of the Chief Engineer was accepted and the recommendations referred to the Selectmen.

On Art. 7.—It was voted to authorize the Treasurer, under the instructions of selectmen to pay money in anticipation of the taxes.

On Art. 8.—The General Statue in regard to sidewalks was adopted.

Art. 9.—Relating to volunteer fire companies was dismissed.

Art. 10.—Was dismissed, and article 11 taken up, the latter covering the same ground. Under Article 11, Mr. Elbridge Trull moved the following, which was adopted—

Voted that the Treasurer, by and with the approbation of the Selectmen, be instructed to hire for the Town such an amount of money, at a rate of interest less than six per cent, as will be sufficient to pay as much of the town debt as is now bearing six per cent interest.

—we refer to the blighting effects of ringworm and scald head. Mothers desirous of seeing the faces of their darling unclouded and their hair to leave that ringworm's sorcery are quick and efficient ready for these and all other skin diseases, boils, blisters, pimplies &c.

We feel perfectly satisfied that on a fair trial of its virtues its merits will insure it a place in the nursery closet for all time to come.

Read the advertisement elsewhere.

CARPETS FOR THE PEOPLE.—See the advertisements of the New England Carpet Company, of Boston, in to-day's paper.

Miscellaneous.

SHERIFF'S SALE

MIDDLESEX SS. March 26, 1861.

The Bachelor's Lament.
"Oh who would be a bachelor?" I heard a husky
groan.
And, looking up, beheld the head of one I long had
known!
Stretched out before the fire with his legs upon a
chair,
And face of utter wretchedness, he sang this plaintive air—

"Oh who would be a bachelor, and live in furnished
rooms,
With lassily all innocent of brushes and of
brooms;
Where all the effort seems to be to try as best she
may!
How little she can do for you, and how much make
you pay?

"Oh, who would be a bachelor? Just overlook my
things;
Each shirt is somewhere buttonless, no collar has
both strings;
My socks are worn out at the heels, and ditto at
the toes;
The more about it I complain, the worse the mat-
ter grows.

"Oh, who would be a bachelor? Just try it for a bit,
And when at evening you come home, be forced
alone to sit.
With no companion save your thoughts, and those
not over bright;
Oh! ladies, ladies, take my word, it is a sorry
sight!

"Oh who would be a bachelor? Not I, upon my
life!
I know too much about it. Oh! dear girls, I want a
wife;
So listen, all ye maidens—all or short, or stout or
thin—
My heart's to let, this April day! Oh! who will
venture in?"

ANECDOTE OF MR. WEBSTER.—Soon after Mr. Webster removed to Marshfield, he made his masterly speech in the U. S. Senate, in reply to Hayne. The gentleman of whom he bought his farm at Marshfield, Captain Thomas, a great admirer of Mr. Webster, both before and after he knew his personalty, had read the great speech of Hayne, in the Boston *Continent*—a paper that he subscribed for, not without asking Mr. Webster what paper he had "better take." Captain Thomas regarded the speech of Hayne as unanswerable. He was gloomy and quite sick at heart about it. He took to his room, and even went to bed.

In a day or two, the mail brought along another Boston *semi-weekly* *Continent*. It contained a report of Mr. Webster's speech in reply to Hayne. It was carried to the chamber of Captain Thomas, with the announcement of what it contained. Captain Thomas was scarcely aroused by it. He was not only believing, but faithless. He said, "Mr. Hayne cannot be answered; it is of no use to think it."

The newspaper was left, and the bear took leave.

Soon a joyful noise was heard in the chamber of Capt. Thomas. The sick man had read the speech of Webster, was cured and cried at the top of his voice, "Bring me my boots."

POPPING THE QUESTION.—The late Professor D— was, prior to his appointment to his chair, rector of an academy in Forfarshire. He was particularly reserved in his intercourse with the fair sex; but, in prospect of obtaining a professorship, he ventured to make proposals to a lady. They were walking together and the important question was put without preliminary sentiment or note of warning. Of course the lady replied by a gentle "No!"

The subject was immediately dropped; but the parties soon met again.

"Do you remember," at length said the lady, "a question which you put to me when we last met?"

The Professor said that he remembered.

"And do you remember my answer, Mr. D—?"

"Oh yes," said the Professor.

"Well, Mr. D—," proceeded the lady, "I have been led, on consideration, to change my mind."

"And so have I," drily responded the Professor. He maintained his bachelorhood to the close.

"I am unable," yound beggar crieth,
"To stand or go." If he says true he lies.

Missionary while traveling in Arabia.

A LL who are suffering from Consumption should use the MAKORA ARABICA, discovered by a missionary in Arabia.

All who are suffering from Bronchitis, Serofilia, &c., should use the MAKORA ARABICA, discovered by a missionary in Arabia.

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Poetry.

The Summons.

To arms! along a thousand wires
The flashing summons flies;
To arms! the ensign of our sires
In dust disrowned lies.
The stars, that long have shone unfurled
O'er fort and field and fleet,
And claimed the homage of the world,
Fall spurned by rebel feet.

To arms! the summons flashes forth
Through city, town and farm,
And, lo! the frenzied of the North
By myriads rise and arm;
From forge and field, from mine and mart,
From happy haunts and home—
One feeling fires each patriot heart,
"Our country calls, we come!"

No craven scruple bids them pause,
No differing views divide,
But proud to serve a sacred cause,
They scorn all meaner pride;
And nobly pledging heart and home,
Like brothers forth they fare
To scourge rebellion from the land,
And treason from its lair.

Yet no mad rage of war they feel,
No lust of conquest know,
And sorrow mingles with the zeal
Which they for duty show;
But, trusting to the triple might
That shields a righteous cause,
They arm and battle for the right—
The Union and the Laws.

Select Literature.

A WAITING-MAID'S STORY.

It seemed a very long journey that we poor parliamentary passengers were taking, in this early November weather, all the way from London to Liverpool. The stoppages were frequent enough, but of such short duration, we had scarcely time to get ourselves warmed at the crowded grate, before the inexorable bell rung for us to start again, and off we went, with a shriek, into the blinding fog. It was positively too dark to see to read with any comfort, even if one was so indifferent to the biting air as to lend one of his hands to hold his book up; we put both of them into our pockets instead, or more usually sat upon them to keep them warm. It was only when the guard came from time to time to look at our tickets, and trot upon our feet, that we began to feel we had them, so dead they were with cold.

"Sir," observed a comical looking tailor to his official, "your seats are too narrow to be sat upon after my cross-legged fashion, so please be careful; for, although my toots are frozen, they will not bear."

This produced a laugh, and then rose a little idle talk, principally about how miserable we were, and then, as poor people used, we began to tell what our business was in Liverpool, whereupon it seemed that half a carriage full were emigrants. Each had his say; and every tale, however roughly told, had more or less interest, because it was real and human, so that we quite forgot our weariness and cold for a little time. Then since this had answered so well, the sprightly tailor proposed that one of the party should tell us a regular story, of his own life, if he chose, but not only of his present circumstances, but of what lead to them—which was an idea we all received quite rapturously, expecting the tailor himself to begin. But he said no; we must draw lots for that. So, producing some long stripes of measuring paper, he wrote a word on one, and showed them altogether in a hat, and sent it round. There was a great deal of giggling among the men, but for a long time nobody pulled out the fatal lot; at last a burst of laughter from those about one of the corner seats announced that the victim had been selected, and that from among the ladies.

She was certainly the plainest of the female passengers. Her nose turned up, and her mouth had scarcely any turn at all; her hair was read, and so were the rims of her eyes; and themselves were far from being good ones; but there was a certain piquancy and sprightliness about her, too, as though she had been a French lady's maid, rather than an English one. She looked as if she could put her hand and her round arm to anything, and she had been very good tempered and obliging through the whole journey.

It was understood—it had been expressed, indeed, already, rather triumphantly, by the young lady herself—that she was an engaged young person going out to Australia to be married; that there was somebody waiting upon the other hemisphere with out-stretched hands, yearning to take her as his bride. She would be a capital wife for a settler, without doubt, although perhaps in England we should have called her a settler for a wife. She seemed to know very well, indeed, what we were all likely to think about this matter, but she didn't care.

"If I had been better looking"—she began her story with this—"I might never have got a husband, or, at least, not the money to marry him on, which is the same thing. The unsuitableness of my face to what I may be allowed to call a very tolerable figure, has been literally the means of bestowing much happiness, as I hope, upon Joseph, and of putting four hundred pounds into my own pocket."

"And this was how it all came about. My late mistress, who was very kind to me, and had intended, poor thing—for she told me so—to leave me comfortably provided for, took me over with her, seven years ago, to Paris. She was a widow lady, fond of gay life and brilliant amusement, and that place suited her so well, that she made it her home, and I, but little loth, remained there too. Joseph and I had kept company together before that time, but he was not so foolish as to wish me to give up my expectations for the sake of a hurried marriage; he said that he would wait patiently, dear fellow, although the great salt sea was to roll between us, and there could be no chance of getting a letter often than once a day. He was a man's assistant in London, and very hardy worked, it seemed, for he himself was not able to

rely so often; however, of course I was not

WOBURN, SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1861.

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SERMON

Preached by Rev. Dr. Stebbins,

ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY, APRIL 21st.

We are enabled, by the politeness of the author, to lay this sermon before our readers in full. It is a production that cannot fail to interest all, under present circumstances:

Gal. 6: 7.—"Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap."

Almost five months ago, on our annual

thanksgiving, I spoke to you on the condition

of the country. I felt oppressed and

alarmed at the utterance and prevalence of

radical error in the history of the nation, and

could not refrain from exposing them with

all the confidence and energy of denial which

a consciousness of truth inspires. I felt op-

pressed with the responsibility of distinctly

denying what many most excellent people

held to be indisputable truths. I shrank from

the assumption of what appeared to be

such temerity as setting up knowledge

against the knowledge of so many persons

who had the most undoubting confidence in

their political guides. Deeper still did I feel

oppressed, standing here, where no word

should be spoken but unmixed truth, with

no motive but God's glory and man's redemption.

The more indulgence has been granted the more

the clamor has been increased, till every pow-

er must be bent to help the oppressed, and

every soul opened to extend the curse. And

when at last the people in their might rose

from their supineness and proclaimed in the

spirit and language of the Fathers that libe-

erty was the law and spirit of the nation, and

not bondage, the foul head of tyranny seized

anew and tore with frenzy those whom it

had before possessed, and they stole from the

nation all on which they could lay their

hands, and opened grim war on all that re-

sisted their national felony. Everything had

been surrendered but the confession, and act-

ing upon it, that slavery was as much the spirit

of our institutions as freedom, that under

our national flag trading in men, women, and

children was as legitimate a business as

buying and selling wheat and corn; and be-

cause the sons of the men who drafted and

sustained the declaratio

n of independence, who made immortal and

fertile with their blood the fields of the seven years revolution

ary struggle, who framed that noble constitu-

tion from which the patriots of Virginia

required every direct allusion to the existence

of slavery to be struck, because the de-

scendents of these men would not so dishonor

their fathers and so disgrace themselves, and

so challenge the red bolts of eternal justice,

which they have opened a murderous fire upon men

for who two days had ate no bread, and are

marching by the sacred ashes of the great

Washington at Mt. Vernon, to sack the capi-

tal whose corner stone was laid by his con-

secrated hands!

Does not the history of our nation corroborate what the history of the world proclaims that oppression will ruin a nation, and all the sooner if its virus is infused among free

men? I know what has been said and will

be said in reply to all this. I shall be told

that we must cherish slavery as well as free

dom. That we must protect property in hu-

man, minds and hearts as well as in cloth

and wheat. This is just what I have said

cannot be done long at the longest. God's

law makes it impossible. You cannot feed on

strychnine and bread too. The poison will

prevail and kill. You cannot breathe both

carbonic acid and the air. You will die.

You cannot if you would do these impossible

self-contradictory things. Our noble fathers

knew it, and declared it, and embodied it in

our constitution.

But suppose it could be done, if people

would. Grant that bondage and freedom

could exist side by side and prosper, men

would not permit it. Either freedom must

creach to the rod, or the rod must be broken.

Men who know their rights, and knowing

danger maintain them will not bow to tyran-

ny. The master whose passions have been

fed on servile submission will not submit to

obedience. If there is not spirit enough in

freedom to resist oppression, the nation falls

apart of corruption. If there is not force

enough in tyranny to wield its lash, oppres-

sion ceases and liberty triumphs. So that in

no way, by no arrangement, by no mode of

compromise can you secure the permanency

of a nation which is founded on the irrecon-

cilable elements of freedom and slavery.

As well might you attempt to rear a warehouse

or a temple, half whose foundation should be

on a rock the other half on the waves. It

would fall assunder of necessity. Let us look

at this everlasting law of righteousness fairly in

the face. Let us know what is before us.

We have dwelt with untempered morta-

lent long enough, and now the iron storm has be-

gun to fall upon the walls, let us understand

precisely what we must do to rear, on their

foundations, a temple which will stand

forever. Let us do it, and let us do it well.

It is the duty of our rulers to frame

such a law as will be a true guide to us.

It is the duty of our fathers to

guard and defend it.

It is the duty of our sons to obey it.

It is the duty of all of us to support it.

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The Middlesex Journal.

WOBURN, SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1861.

OUR DUTY.

The present is emphatically a time for action—prompt, energetic, intelligent action. We live in such a time as none of us have ever seen before, and God grant that our country may never see the like in the future.

It remains for the freemen of the North to say whether this Government, established by the toils and struggles, the prayers and tears, the blood and treasure of their fathers, shall prove a failure, and whether this land—so often called the asylum of the oppressed and the home of the free, is to sink under a sway more despotic than the scis of Russia, in their deepest degradation, ever experienced.

We are not armament for conquest; we are not mustering for the purpose of depriving the South of one right that belongs to her. No; a higher, holier cause is ours. It is to sustain Right and Government, in opposition to Injustice and Anarchy. There have been ul-

trights at the North, but the South raise her hand to heaven and say, I am pure! We need not cite facts to prove that the conduct of the South toward the North has always been dictatorial and aggressive. Free speech, and the right of petition—by whom in days gone by, have we been deprived of these?

For years there has been a constant effort to silence every Northern man who has pre-

sumed or dared to say anything on the floor of Congress displeasing to the South. But the crisis has at length come. It must now be met and decided—once and forever—whether we of the North are to live freemen, or take the Southern yoke upon our necks.

What they propose to do has already been declared. If now remains for them to make good the position we have taken, and teach the traitors of the South a lesson they will never forget. We cannot all shoulder the musket and march to the field of conflict. But we can, every one of us—each in his proper sphere, and proper way—aid in this holy cause. We can contribute of our substance, and pour forth our sympathies to strengthen the hands and hearts of those who have willingly stepped forward for the defense of our country in this hour of peril. Let him not forget, who is found wanting in liberality and patriotism, in an hour like this, that, let the dominion of the South be once fixed upon us, and these our pleasant homes, the comforts God has given us, ya, and our very lives, will cease to be of value to us. Let us rouse, then, then, in the fullness of our might. Let all sympathy for traitors against our Government be crushed out. Let the voice of the North be heard—louder than the cries of disunion or the thunder of their batteries, declaring the doom of those who have sought to overturn Government, despising just laws, and trampling our escutcheon beneath their feet. Let the power of the North move forward with the relentless sway of the ocean when lashed into fury by storm and tempest. Some who left our dear New England a few days since, have fallen by traitor hands. Others may share the same fate. But if this land is destined to be baptized anew, er it becomes indeed and in truth the land of the free, let no one withhold the sacrifice that Heaven seems calling upon us to offer.

Is there one who fears the final result? Does any man suppose that New England and the North ever can be subjugated? Can men breathe the air of our hills and mountains and not be free? As soon will our rivers run backward to their sources, as the sons of the North bow to the dictation of tyrants of any name. Let actions, not sounding words, show forth our sincerity and our fidelity to the country in this time of her threatened danger.

RECUSATION OF THE PHALANX.—This corps are again in the field for military duty, yet not with the expectation of merely playing soldier, but with the determination that they shall be called upon to smite power on the battle field. Although only twenty-five of the previous members are connected with the new formation, still we have every reason to believe that the present company, under the drill and management of the veteran officers of the old, will in a short time be made thoroughly acquainted with military evolutions, and be in no wise inferior to their predecessors. The company are drilling every night and day with great energy and perseverance, and are in excellent condition to respond to any call that may come from the commander-in-chief. On Monday evening an informal election for officers took place, with the following result:—For Capt. Timothy Winn; 1st Lieut., W. T. Grammer; 2d do., C. S. Converse; 3d do., E. F. Wye; 4th do., T. G. Yon. The formal election will take place as soon as the company receive their commission, which will be ready to go into actual service in a few days. The members of the corps are daily engaged in making the uniforms, and before long we will see our "bold sojourners" in their "new clothes" which will not be gaudy or clumsy, but plain, serviceable and convenient. There is enough spirit of the old Phalanx in this company, to give it a standing, and position at once among the militia of the State, and we believe that the laurels won by the corps in the past, will be its state and as honorably upheld now as they were heretofore, and that old Woburn will have no cause to hang her head in shame for any shortcomings on the part of her sons.

JACOB WEBSTER'S MAGAZINE.—This town, have voted to donate the \$100 of prize money which they received at the Manchester muster some time ago, for the benefit of those of their number who have joined the Phalanx. Cheers for the Jacob Webster boys.

"Who are the Traitors."

The Boston Saturday Evening Gazette of last week has an article under the head we have quoted. It seems to regard the appellation of traitor as altogether too severe to apply to those at the North whose sympathies are with the South. To be sure the name is a harsh one and indicates, when justly applied, no ordinary offence. A traitor to his country would do, had the power, no better than Benedict Arnold sought to do; and the men who condemn the North and sympathies with the South, would sit in their abominable attack upon the North, would lend more than the influence of sympathy, did an opportunity present itself. The man who is conscious of entire loyalty to his Government will never imagine that any one has stigmatized him as a traitor. The Southern leaders are trying to overthrow the Government of this country, only to usurp the power themselves and to govern the people with all the tyranny of European despots. If a man is guilty of murder, in the sight of heaven, who only indulges murderous feelings in his heart, no less is it true that he is a traitor who sympathizes with the enemies of his country and wishes them success. Give such a man the power, increase the number in any community, and we shall then see who are the traitors."

We live at a time when the men of New England and of the North, are called upon to stand up for Truth, for Law, and for the Government. Thank God; thank God; they are ready to meet the crisis, and they will meet it before the present troubles are over, in a manner that will command the admiration of the world, and draw upon them the blessings of Heaven.

The following is a list of subscriptions received since our last issue, toward the Relief Fund:

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.—A meeting of the fire department of Woburn, was held in the Town Hall, on Thursday evening last, for the purpose of taking the sense of the different companies in regard to drilling in military tactics. Numerous resolutions were passed upon the subject, and all were unanimous in their adoption. On motion, it was voted that each company drill three nights in a week at their several halls, and one night in conjunction. It was also voted that the Department meet next Thursday evening at the Town Hall, for drill, and that the Engineers provide a clock to the Parish.

CITIZENS' MEETING.—The adjourned meeting of citizens was continued at Lyceum Hall on Saturday evening last. The enthusiasm was as strong at the previous meeting.

Many persons added their names to the original list with liberal names. The Selectmen were requested to call an open meeting, which they attended to at once, and the meeting will be held a week from next Monday.

A committee was appointed to attend to a person in Billerica, who was supposed to be a Southern spy and correspondent.

JOSIAH PORTER, 1st Lieut. of the Boston Light Artillery, the first graduate of Harvard College, that has been called into active service. He was a member of the class of 1852, and his fellow alumni of that year have ordered for him a Bowie knife, which is to be the handsomest and most serviceable article of the kind ever made in this country. It is to be presented to the Governor to-day, with the request that he will transmit it to Lieut. Porter.

THAG RAISING.—During the present week the stars and stripes have been flung to the breast from the depot, from A. Thompson & Co.'s, and between the Baptist Church and the flagstaff on the Common. Choate & Cummings raise one from their tannery to day.

PAPER HANGERS.—The attention of the public is called to the large lot of Paper Hangings now offered for sale at the Woburn Stock.

WILMINGTON "wide awake."

The citizens of this town met in the vestry of the church, on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of raising a few volunteers to represent old Wilmington in the struggle now going on. Mr. J. C. Putnam, chairman.

W. H. Carter was elected President, S. H. Tolman, James Leavitt, and Charles J. Swain, Vice Presidents; Jona. Carter, 2d Secretary.

A paper was placed before the meeting for signers who presented themselves accordingly. Remarks were made by Rev. S. H. Tolman, Walter Blanchard, Esq., and Asa G. Sheldon, &c. Mr. B. was captain of a Wilmington company in days of yore, and will drill the volunteers. Mr. Alfred Carter of Woburn, and William Winn of Burlington took the field, and will drill the volunteers.

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SERMON BY REV. MR. MARCH,
DELIVERED ON SUNDAY FORENOON, APRIL 21ST.

Matt. 9: 6-7. "And we shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

These prophetic words of our Lord received their most brilliant in the calamities which came upon Jerusalem and the Jewish nation in the lifetime of some who are still living. They have been continually fulfilled to the tried and suffering people of God in all the conflicts and convulsions of the ages. And even through the long line of the centuries, amid all the changes and revolutions that have come over the convulsed and groaning earth, the clear, calm voice of the divine Messenger of peace and salvation, addresses us in words of the same import, "See that ye be not troubled: all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

The brightest hopes of humanity have been most frequently darkened with their eclipse. The day which pours the glories of the morning upon the mountains with the greatest profusion, and which passes from noon to night with the most serene and cloudless beauty, is most sure to be followed by a day of darkness, of thick clouds and of angry tempests. The period of repose of growing strength and increasing power, when the vision sees the return of peace and righteousness just about to be inaugurated in the earth, is followed by a horror of great darkness and a cup of trembling which millions must drink. When Christ came as the Prince of Peace to establish his reign among men the warring nations ceased for awhile from the work of mutual destruction, that they might gaze on that wondrous birth. But it was only the beginning of the elements before the coming of the storm, when the darkness and louder thunder. For successive centuries, wherever the growing light of christianity shone upon the thick darkness of heathenism and revealed its abominations, there were sure to be recorded new enlistments to the "noble army of martyrs," and then the church triumphant received new members fresh from the baptism of blood. When the star of the reformation broke forth from the long night of a thousand years, there were millions hail its rising with acclamations, and it is but natural that it should bring a day of conflict and of greater tribulation to the faithful disciples of Jesus, than they had ever experienced before. Our fathers braved the perils of the ocean, the wilderness and the savage foe, that they might become a peculiar people—a holy nation—transmitting the priceless inheritance of law, liberty and religion to their children. And yet the terrors of the deep, the hardships of exile, the hostility of the heathen, were not enough for their trials. They must pass through the blood fire of a fratricidal war. The unnatural now beyond all human, jealousies of the rising power of their exiled fathers, turned in wrath to devour their own offspring, and they were compelled to establish their title to the inheritance of the wilderness, by the double conquest of an uncultivated soil and a foreign foe. In reviewing the conflicts through which they passed, we can now see something of wrong on both sides, doubtless it was not always with the right spirit, that they battled for the right. Nevertheless, it was the severity of the trial that gave them their strength. They always came forth from beneath the cloud with a spirit of victory, like Moses from the mount of God, with new light upon their countenances. The hopes of the human race have been brighter for every shadow that fell upon their path. It is sad indeed that every step of progress in the establishment of the ultimate reign of righteousness and peace on earth, must cost such fearful sacrifices. The blood of the saints is a continual offering to the new born child of earth, and in every age, till the coming of the Son of God, himself the Prince of Peace, teaches us that it is better to submit to baptism than to suffer the reign of darkness and oppression and iniquity to go on. I regard the profession of arms, merely as a profession, and the splendor of military glory attained by conquest, with unmixed abhorrence. And yet I am satisfied that there are some things worse than war. National corruption and iniquity and licentiousness, are worse than any thing else. The resistance to law and destruction of justice, all the general contempt of judicial authority, and the subjection of national authority to the disorganized violence of passion and selfishness, falsehood and revenge, are worse. The enforced subjection of millions of immortal men to the condition of cattle, and the unscrupulous and long continued perversion of the most sacred human constitutions, and of truths divine, to the maintenance of a system, which infuses all the passions of the strong, and sells all the weak for prey to just, unrighteous and rapacious all, these are worse than war, for the maintenance of the truths of God and the rights of man.

And it has at last come to this in our once peaceful and prosperous country, that we must both ask and answer the question whether there be anything worse than war, whether anything can justly call for the arbitration of the sword,—whether we possess anything nowadays which we would not sacrifice through the fires of fratricidal conflict, for the sake of a portion of land to the other. The call to arms has already gone forth from the Chief Magistrate of the nation, and thousands of strong men have already exchanged the implements of peaceful labor for the weapons of death. Hitherto we have congratulated ourselves upon our position at a safe distance from the political convulsions which are ever shaking the thrones and harassing the people of the world. But we have no longer occasion to wait for war news to inform us of what has come, and the columns of daily newspapers continually inform us of the deep and strong agitation with which the nation is shaking. Even on this peaceful day, the standard of war floats upon every flag staff in city and country; millions of troops are offered to carry on the conflict and the long lines of railway cars are freighted with troops, hurrying forward to bear their part in the great campaign. And unless some extraordinary and unforeseen providence shall arrest the dreadful tragedy which enacted its first scenes in the streets of Charleston, a week ago, many of the young and bold have already left their homes never to return, many vacancies have been made in family circles never to be filled. And this whole subject has so completely possessed our minds, that we cannot banish it from our thoughts if we would when engaged in the peaceful and solemn services of the sanctuary and the sabbath day. And it is especially appropriate that we should here, not only in prayer, commend the interests of our country to God's keeping, but that we should ask how it becomes to us to bear the burden and demands of this awful crisis. It is not indeed the time or the place to discuss particular policies, or to balance the blame for the outbreak between different political parties or different sections of the country. But it is the time and place for us to cultivate a deeply religious conscientiousness and firmness of purpose such as will enable us to meet the awful crisis and acquit ourselves like men. Among the last instructions of our Lord to his disciples, he taught them how to sustain the cause of the great truth, which we hold dear. And by we cannot obtain a better guide to teach us what sentiments it becomes us to entertain, and in what spirit to support the burdens that shall be laid upon us in the fearful conflict before us.

I. Let us take to ourselves the charge contained in our Lord's words, "See that ye be not troubled." There is no occasion for alarm, anxiety, distraction or desperation of mind, so long as we keep our eyes on the path that leads to the end. "Who," says an apostle who lived in times of greater peril than we have ever seen or ever expect to see, "who is he that shall harm you if ye be followers of that which is good?" There is a good, a great, glorious, everlasting good for every man to follow into whatever perils and sacrifices it may lead. And if he shall be called to pass through deep waters red with blood, and the way before him shall be dark and with the lay of death, upon the munder and inflicts the penalty due to his crime. We cannot be called upon as christians or as patriots to approve or inflict any other. We certainly have the right to enjoy peace. We have a right to make our public cause for liberty something more than a name. We have a right to demand that the constitutional authority of the government, established by the wisdom of our fathers and the blood of their sons, be maintained. It is time for us to return to the cause of God with repentance and humility, beseeching him for mercy's sake to return unto us, to forgive our sins, and cause to pursue the right, the true, and the good.

However it may lead, is liable to be brought into many straits where to go back is impossible, to stand still is cowardice and destruction. His only safety is to go forward. And when the path of duty has been for a long time difficult to find, when it has been obscured by conflicting testimonies and hard questions and perplexing policies, any man should count it a favoring providence which dispels the clouds and shows him just where he has to go. It is such a relief to be delivered from the uncertainty that the world has to offer, and the government by the people's scandal and a stone of stumbling to all the friends of freedom in the old world. We have a right to say that the glorious gospel of the Son of God shall have free course in this land and shall be permitted here to gather riches and immortal trophies of its own virtues grace with which to enlighten and deliver the natives of the heathen in the dark misery of infidelity. We have a right to say that the law of God is the true and only word, and the government by the people's strength and liberty is the inalienable birthright of all the inhabitants of the land. In every house, every at home, we pray for the President of the United States, and the executive officers of Government, that they may be made equal to the awful responsibility that rests upon them, and that under God they may be the deliverers of the people in time of its pestilence. Let us pray to God for thousands that they may be comforted and supplied with strength, and not knowing the depths of inquiry or the subtlety of the power of darkness. Now all good and true men, who love their country, and who would sooner sacrifice their right hand than endanger its peace, or dishonor its name, are beginning to see alike, and to stand shoulder to shoulder for common defense. 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Poetry.

To Massachusetts Soldiers.

Soldiers, go! Your country calls! See, from Sumter's blackened walls Floats no more our nation's flag, But the traitors' odious rag.

Long the patient North has borne All their treachery, taunts, and scorn; Now let slavery's despots learn: How our Northern blood can burn, Swift their hour of triumph's past, For their first must be their last!

By the memory of your sires, By the children you left your fires, By your wife's and mother's love, By the God who reigns above,— All holy things,—depart!

Strong in hand and brave in heart, Nobly strike for truth and right; We will pray while you shall abide, Mothers, daughters, wives, are true To our country and to you.

To the breeze our banner show! Traitors meet you where you go, In the name of God on high, Win,—or in the conflict die!

Transcript.

Select Literature.

WINIFRED NOWEL.

A Story of the Puritans.

CHAPTER FIRST.

A winter night, some years after the landing of the Pilgrims, came stormily down over the settlement of the Massachusetts Bay, called Boston.

The wind blew stiffly, driving the sleet and snow through the leafless trees, along the deserted streets, against the two small vessels, "Gilt" and "Griffin" lying in the harbor—under the doors, down the chimneys, and across the very hearthstones, which the stern old people now gathered about them, had laid with prayer.

The sound of psalm-singing might now and then have been heard above the storm, and in its lulls the voices of those who read, or catechised the children.

Before one of these hearths sat Winifred Nowel; her eyes wandering from the book open before her to the opposite side of the fireplace, where sat Benjamin Craddock, fumbling his hands, one with the other, blushing, poking in the ashes, and otherwise betraying a tender interest in Winifred, who had, indeed, a face that might have drawn toward her much brighter eyes than those of Benjamin. He was a goodly youth, who by his sectarian inclinations and some neighborly service rendered to Mr. Nowel, had succeeded in commanding himself to him, even more than to the daughter, who, to say truth, rather permitted than reciprocated his admiration. If her heart had been any authority to her, which it never had been permitted to be, Benjamin would not have been the object upon which her affections would have fallen.

The rude walls against which shone the hearth-light and candle-light, were ornamented with two pictures in curiously-carved frames, one of which pictures found its counterpart in the old man who sat in a high-backed chair of oak wood, reading from a big book that lay open before him, on a small square table. He was seventy years old, but his thick, short-cropt hair and unbent frame gave him the appearance of greater vigor than he really possessed. His teeth were gone, yet his mouth was still indicative of firmness, and his eyes, though sunken, were bright, with a penetrative intelligence. His cheeks were hollow and colorless, and the blue tinge about his eyes and in his lips was never to give place to a brighter color till he should wake in the youth of immortality. Now and then, though he spoke not, he turned his eyes from the page to the young people, as if he kept watch of them, and would not fail, if need were, to tighten the short string of their liberty; and upon these occasions, Winifred's saucy glances came back to her book, and Benjamin, made as if he was shivering with cold, instead of giggling. Between the young folks sat an old woman, knitting up pleasant memories with her yarn, as was indicated by the placid expression of her countenance.

At length the old man closed the volume before him, clasped it together, and lifting his eyes to the picture that hung beside his own, folded his thin hands, and seemed lost in reverie or prayer. There came a shadow over the face of the young girl when she saw that her father's thoughts were gone down into the grave, and taking from the jamb the wing of a crow, she brushed up the ashes with it, in order to divert his attention; but seeing that he had indeed lost his reverie or prayer.

When the Indian had gone, Mr. Nowel arose deliberately, and taking his silver-headed stick from its nail, put his hat on his head, and commanding the household to the care of the Lord, was about to go forth, when Winifred arrested him with entreaties to his designs.

"I am going in pursuit of that filthy vagabond whom you treated to a pewter pot," he replied, "and who, I doubt not, doth surely return with others of his crew, and take your scalp for your pains."

Winifred felt how useless it was to oppose her will to that of her father, and only begged that Benjamin would accompany him, sun down silent and terrified, to her seat in the corner.

To this suggestion he seemed deaf, at first; and when the old man was gone forth alone, he pretended to Winifred that it was for her sake he had remained—that he was sure the Indian was a spy, and deserved to be hanged, but that he could not desert her in the hour of peril, even for the satisfaction of making an end of him.

She could not but smile at this flattery, though she was not altogether convinced of the disinterestedness of the young man's behavior.

"And what tidings from Lemuel Colburn, whom the court sentenced to banishment from the colony, in that he spoke disrespectfully of Mr. Williams, the preacher, and the exhortations at his meetings, as you will

remember?" asked Mr. Nowel, lowering his eyes from the picture to the face of Benjamin.

"He has been bidden not to return to the plantation of the Massachusetts Bay under penalty of having his ears slit, and of paying a fine of more money than such a graceless fellow will be likely to come by," replied the youth, with a braver air than common, for it was no small honor to have a question directly addressed to him by Mr. Nowel, who was frugal of words, and seldom asked anything.

"I saw him once at meeting—poor young man!" said Winifred, timidly, "and he was well-behaved and fair to look upon, more than any of the elders."

She might have said she had seen him more than once, but did not.

"It ill becomes young women to express their minds so boldly," replied her father, sternly; "and of such an impious fellow, too," chimed in the old woman.

Winifred looked abashed, and the old man, perhaps for her special benefit proceeded to say that the banished youth was a pestilent fellow, to say the best of him, and that he had caused disturbances in divers places, and that if justice had been executed, he would have gone forth with slit tongue, and ears too, to his everlasting disgrace, and that the court could do much incline to mercy in his case.

Winifred said that doubtless he was in the wrong, but that it did seem to her that the slit tongue and ears would have disgraced those who did the slitting, rather than the unfortunate offender, and that she did know of her own observation that it brought a trout which himself had caught, to Patience Goff's child, when it lay ill of the fever, and that Mistress Patience was against the carrying out of the sentence."

She might have said, if she had told all the truth, that she had met him at Mistress Goff's house, as well as at meeting.

Benjamin, who was not a little nettled, now found courage to say, that young Coleburn had refused to make a declaration of repentence before the congregation, and that he had heard some people say that, in itself, it was an offence worthy of stripes.

"But if he experienced no repentence, it would have been a grievous sin to make such proclamation before the congregation," said Winifred, her face flushing with enthusiasm.

"My poor daughter doth much lack the wholesome discipline which her mother did wisely administer. See thou to it, Dorcas," and the father bent his eyes upon the old woman, who assented by a look that seemed to say it would give her pleasure to enforce a strict rigorous discipline.

"She must, I fear, be stayed forcibly at home," continued Mr. Nowel, "especially if there come into the colony such heretics as we have reason to fear will come."

"She must be stayed at home," repeated the old woman.

"Oh, Aunt Dorcas!" pleaded Winifred, looking at her with suffused eyes.

There was an uneasy silence, broken at length, by Mr. Nowel, who went on to tell, by way of warning, doubtless, how a servant of Mr. Craddock had been convicted of most foul and scandalous invectives against the Church, and ordered to be whipped, lose his ears, and also to be banished the colony, which sentence had been executed.

Benjamin laughed in a chuckling, triumphant manner, as if he delighted in the confusion to which he felt Winifred had been put, by the rigorous, but righteous judgment of her father; and as he thus laughed, he drew his chair a little nearer hers, so sure was he of having taken an advance step in her regard.

She drew away, with a look of indignant displeasure, sufficiently indicative of the thoughts she dare not speak.

Aunt Dorcas shook her head, by way of admonition, but before a word had been spoken, the door opened, and an Indian of the Narragansett tribe came in, startling the thoughts of the little company quite away from the subject they had been discussing. He asked for some English clothes; and, on being informed by Mr. Nowel that he did not deal in tailor's ware, he warmed himself by the fire, and presented some small skins to Winifred, which she accepted, and courteously gave him in return a fair pewter pot. He denied her invitation to remain all night, and presently went away, looking grimly at the stripling, Benjamin, who shrank away and strove to conceal himself by drawing before his face a petticoat which hung against the wall.

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Doubtless, however, she divined his thoughts despite the awkwardness and silence, with which he invested himself, and was pleased in her heart, though she looked so demure and preoccupied.

Suddenly there was a noise at the door, followed directly by a musket-shot, and a sound like the falling of some heavy body.

Pest and future—Benjamin, love, and life—all were forgotten, and Winifred rushed to the door, crying, "Oh my father! my dear father!"

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"He is a pestilent fellow, at best," said Mr. Nowel, "and it is to be hoped that the redskins among whom he has gone, will be made instruments in the hands of God to deliver him through death's door into the kingdom of his master."

Winifred shuddered, and covering up her face seemed to pray, seeing which the severe father added: "and all that who take part with him; yea, though it even be my own flesh and blood!"

Winifred smothered the groan from her lips back to her heart, and going to the window pressed her face against the panes, through which the gray morning was beginning to break. She had remained so but a moment when she uttered a cry so joyous that the group about the fire in amazement the cause of it. At first she declined to answer, but on being pressed by her father, she owned that she had seen a man walking to and fro before the door, like a sentinel, whom she believed to be Lemuel Colburn.

"Perhaps," continued Aunt Dorcas, bitterly, "you fear that the young reprobate whom her sake he had remained—that he was sure the Indian was a spy, and deserved to be hanged, but that he could not desert her in the hour of peril, even for the satisfaction of making an end of him."

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Winifred felt her heart misgivings strange, but she stood too much in awe of her father to question his conclusions, even where

she was so nearly concerned, and remained silent and trembling. Perhaps, indeed, she herself would have found it hard to define the conflicting emotions that struggled just then in her bosom.

Benjamin looked a little crestfallen on coming forth from concealment, but Mr. Nowel whose opinions were inaccessible to change or modification, at once dispelled his fears by cordially taking his hand, and remarking, with a gravity that was almost ludicrous, in contrast with the occasion, that the wise man was always careful to mingle discretion with the defects of his character.

And, no matter what weakness or imbecility the young fellow might have shown, the regard bestowed upon him by Mr. Nowel would have suffered no diminution; he never questioned a conclusion once formed, and his face once set against a man, remained set against him as flint. He did not allow the suggestion of the liability to err, on his part, to present itself; if there were a difference of opinion between himself and another, that other was assuredly wrong, and, moreover, whatever was more or less than his convictions, was referable to Satan, and to be despised.

Winifred refused at first to relax the frown that knit her eyebrows, but Benjamin deprecated her displeasure with such imploring looks and meanwhile made himself so active in breaking the windows—assisting to place Mr. Nowel's great desk against one of them, that all likelihood it was the Narragansett come back.

Benjamin protested that if Winifred commanded he would go forth at the risk of his life, which, indeed, was worthless except to serve her; but she, remembering how he had concealed himself with the petticoat, pointed to it, and smiling, said: "You had better put on your armor first."

She had marked all the night her father's growing partiality for him, and that, together with his denunciation of Lemuel, had diminished her own regard.

As the gray daybreak whitened, the old man unbared the door and went out to see whom or what he could discover; and leaving Benjamin dozing at the fireside, Winifred presently followed.

A little way from the door—his scalping knife in his belt, and otherwise armed for bloody work—lay the Indian to whom Winifred had presented the pewter pot. He was stiff and stark—killed, as it was afterward found, by a musket shot, but who had perpetrated the deed could not be ascertained.

To kill the old vagabond was an honorable action, Mr. Nowel said, and it would verify the maxim that he who kills a man to avenge himself is a man of honor.

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"Perhaps you are not well, madam, and the night air is too chilly?" said I, rather inquisitively.

I did not reply, but thoughtfully continued my work. She resumed:

"That little box contains valuable papers—private papers—and I have lost the key, or it has been stolen. I should not wish to have you remember that I came here on such an errand," she continued, with some hesitation, and giving me a look which it was no difficult matter to understand.

"Certainly, madam, if you desire it. If I cannot forget your face, I will at least attempt to lose the recollection of ever seeing it."

Benjamin was awake by this time, and with much angry gesticulation affirmed that at least half the congregation had handkerchiefs of the same pattern; for that the ship "Friendship" brought over a great number, the same voyage she landed eight heifers, three calves, and five sheep. Therefore one could find no cause for supposing the handkerchief to be Lemuel's.

Mr. Nowel was evidently uneasy lest it should be proven so, and said that the fashion of God's provide was not for our understanding and to fit us for the use of it.

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EMPLOYMENT FOR THE PEOPLE.

One of the most saddening results of our national troubles is the suspension of all kinds of business, throwing thousands upon thousands out of employment, while the care of families is still resting upon them. It is disheartening to look upon those who are dependent upon us for bread and to feel that we have nothing to do where we can earn what we need to eat and to wear. But let every one take courage, and the best he can, Providence will surely help those who try to help themselves. What if our shops are nearly closed? What if many of our strong, laboring men have been called to the defense of the Government? Can not those who are left behind do something? Let them try to devise some way of making money, not sit down and bemoan the dullness of the times and lament that nothing will be made this year? No. No. There is work that can be done and that must be done, or we shall be worse off one year hence than we are now. An abundant harvest crowned the land last year, and the granaries of the West are filled even to overflowing. It will take no more flour to feed a man at Washington than it will in Massachusetts or at the West, so there is no danger of a want of breadstuffs this year. But the danger is that enough will not be planted and sown to meet the wants of the coming year. Why cannot something be done in the way of directing labor to the cultivation of the soil, that, under the blessing of Providence, another abundant harvest may bless the North and West? Here in New England there is land enough to employ all who are willing to work. Are there not men who would be willing—nay, glad to have those out of employment take a piece of their land and cultivate it, so as to add something to the general stock of means for supporting the people? The man who will not, or is unwilling to do anything, out of the line of his ordinary business, at a time like the present, deserves and will receive but little sympathy. Economy is necessary now. What we should do made to go as far as possible. Still the bucket will become empty, if there is a constant drain and no replenishing. If money keeps going out while little or none at all comes in, the little that most of our laboring men will soon have, if it has not already, disappear in the purchase of things necessary for their families. We should not for a moment give place to the thought that any body is to go hungry during the present national troubles. Who in a time like this will hoard up provisions and attempt to control the market? We trust the first man who wishes to do it yet to be found. We believe that much might be done, if systematic means were adopted to bring it about, in securing considerable employment for the men who now have little or nothing to do. They must be more than consumers, they must become producers, and add to the general stock of agricultural products. There is many an acre, now lying idle in this, and in every town. Let the men out of employment cultivate such acres, and rejoice at the time of harvest in gathering in the crops that their hands planted. The time for this is already here. Let money making give place for once to desire to help those who may be willing to help themselves. The dark cloud that now rests upon us, will not remain forever. There is a bright sun beyond it, and we shall again see peace and prosperity at the North. It cannot be otherwise. Let us, then, not yield to despondency, but do what we can to make ourselves and others comfortable during the present crisis.

The Policy of the Government.

But little is known of the plan of operations our Government will pursue, and it is well it is so. Unlike most wars, there is sufficient communication between the North and the South to keep both pretty well acquainted with the popular feeling. But what the Government at Washington really intends to do when the twenty days' notice to the rebels has expired, remains a secret. It is conjectured, however, that efficient action will be speedily commenced, and that the Government will seek to repossess the Navy Yard at Norfolk, Va., without delay.

An effective blockade of the entire Southern coast will take place speedily, thus entirely destroying her trade, and cutting off supplies.

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window with ladies waving their handkerchiefs, and we marched amidst a continual cheer for the Old Bay State.

We embarked on the steamer Ariel for Annapolis. We had expected to go through Baltimore and were disappointed in finding that we were not to have a shot at the rogues of that city. We reached Norfolk, Va., on Tuesday, and found there the steamer DeSoto with our Col. and the rest of the Regiment, and kept right on to Annapolis, arriving there Wednesday morning, finding there the U. S. ships Constitution, Harriet Lane and two other men-of-war, also five large transport steamers with the 6th and 7th New York, the Rhode Island, and any quantity of Regiments from Pennsylvania.

Gen. Butler has command here and the way he puts things through opens the eyes of the Marylanders. He has got everything under his thumb, and, you may depend upon it, he will keep things straight. We started Thursday morning for Washington and rode on the cars very slow about 20 miles, for fear of getting off the track. We got off at Annapolis Junction and started 280 strong down the track of the Baltimore and Ohio R.R., stopped about 15 minutes here for breakfast and got intelligence that a body of rebels 500 strong were waiting for us a short distance ahead. We were very tired, loaded with our blankets, overcoats, haversacks, muskets, etc., but we loaded up and started on in fine spirits at the prospect of a fight. But, alas for our hopes, when we got in sight of Bladensburg where they were waiting, all of them took a sudden panic at the sight of our bayonets and ran like sheep, and at the town we could discover about a dozen niggers who swung their hats and cheered us lustily. Six of our men who were in advance all the morning passed about an hour before and saw the party; they did not offer to molest them; however, and only asked them some questions about our force. There is no danger of trouble here now, and we have made up our minds that we are to have a good long master and then go home, for the rebels will almost all of them, have to stay at home to take care of the nigger, who are already to pitch in the first opportunity. All our boys are well and in good spirits. We are stopping at the Treasury Department, and are quite comfortable; some of the boys don't like Uncle Sam's rations, but it don't trouble me at all.

The Stonham company is in the Capitol. They had some tough fighting in Baltimore, and killed a good many of the mob—more than was reported. Saw two of the crew of the Harriet Lane at Annapolis. They said that Anderson slaughtered the rebels in Fort Moultrie like sheep, and knocked it to pieces, but account of the fire in Sumter, was obliged to surrender. There is no doubt of the truth of this statement. G—.

We will call the attention of those from whom we receive our supplies, to an advertisement in another column of this paper, an important discovery for the cure of those diseases, now introduced for the first time to the American public by Messrs. Leds, Gilmore & Co., of New York.

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If consumers have any doubt as to purchasing in their vicinity, such an article as they desire, we confidently recommend them to the old established house of I. D. Richards & Sons, Boston, whose advertisement may be found in another column.

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To the Conservatives.

The Advertiser, having been restored to health in a few weeks by a very simple remedy, after having suffered several years with a recurring affection and the use of various tonics, wishes to make known to his fellow-sufferers the means of cure.

He who desires it, will send a copy of the prescriptions used (free of charge), with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will be sent out gratis. C. H. H. T., 100 Washington St., Boston.

The only object of the advertiser in sending the Prescription is to benefit the afflicted, and spread the knowledge which he believes to be of service, and has been every where popularized by his remedy, as it will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing.

For those desiring the prescription, will please address, Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, Williamsburg, Kings County, New York.

Died.

SIMMES.—In Winchester, April 29th, Albert Henry, youngest son of Marshall Jr. and Abby S. Simmes, aged 8 months, 17 days.

BOOTS AND SHOES!

THE subscriber will dispose of his present stock of BOOTS and SHOES, greatly reduced, prices, corresponding with the times. Those in want are invited to call at the Shoe Store, 108 State Street, WILLIAM ELLARD.

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To owners and keepers of DOGS WITHIN THE TOWN OF WOBURN.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Licenses for dogs within the town of Woburn, April 1, 1861. Persons wishing to renew their Licenses can retain their original number by applying to me previous to the 7th day of May.

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Songs for the Times.

The New Dixie for Northern Singers.
I'm glad I'm not in de land ob cotton,
Good times dare am now forgotten,
Look away! look away! look away! cotton
land.

In South Carolina dis fass was born in,
Dar Secession had its dawnin',
Look away! look away! look away! cotton
land.

Chorus,

Den I'm glad I'm not in Dixie,
Hooyay! Hooyay!

In Yankee land will my stand,
Nor lib' nor die in Dixie.

Away! away! away down South in Dixie,
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Big folks in a solem convention,
Declare demselves a separate nation,
Look away! &c.

Den den by ol' Gubbernor Pickens,
Wid Union forte raised de dicens,
Look away! &c. Chorus,

Beide her Georgia took her Station,
Wid orders in confederacy,
Look away! &c.

Dare Union dire commended,
An' ole Jeff Davis inaugured,
Look away! &c. Chorus.

O dey're a nest ob wiley traitors,
Treasury robbers, Union haters.
Look away! &c.

Dar's Wiggle, Chestnut, Cobb and Rhett,
Wid Floyd and Thompson, 'rogues well
met.'

Look away! &c. Chorus.

I'm glad I'm not in de land ob treason,
Where folks neber hear to reason,
Look away! &c.

Disunions, we'll neber heed 'em
But shout for everlasting freedom,
Look away! &c.

Chorus for de last stanza.

Now a'roun' shout for Union!
Hooyay! Hooyay!

Wid willing hearts and cheerful voice,
We'll shout about for Union.

We'll shout, we'll shout, we'll shout, aloud
for Union,

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The Star-Spangled Banner.

O, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's
last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through
the perilous fight;

G'er the ramparts we watched, were so gal-
lantly streaming;

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs burst-
ing in air,

Give proof through the night that our flag
was still there.

Chorus.

O, say, does that star-spangled banner yet
wave?

O'er the land of the free and the home of
the brave?

On, say, does that star-spangled banner yet
wave?

O'er the land of the free and the home of
the brave?

And where is that band who so vauntingly
saw?

Mid the roar of war, and the battle's con-
fusion?

A home and a country they'd leave us no
more?

The blood has washed out their foul foot-
step's pollution;

No refuge could save the hirsling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the
grave.

Chorus.

And the star-spangled banner in triumph
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Poetry.

Under the Washington Elm, Cambridge, April 27, 1861.

BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

Eighty years have passed, and more,
Since under the brave old tree
Our fathers gathered in arms and swore
They would follow the sign their banners bore,
And fight till the hand was free!

Half of their work was done,
Half is left to do—

Cambridge, and Concord, and Lexington !
When the battle is fought and won
What shall be told of you?

—Hark! 'tis the south wind moans,—
Who knows what may be done?

Ah! the narrow was true in your children's bones
That sprinkled with blood the cursed stones
Of the murder-haunted town!

What if the storm-clouds blow?

What if the green leaves fall?

Better the crashing tempest's throe

Than the army of worms that knewed all!

Trample them one and all!

Then when the battle is won,
And the land from traitors free,
Our children shall tell of the strife begun
When Liberty's second April sun
Was bright on our brave old tree!

Select Literature.

WINIFRED NOWEL.

A Story of the Puritans.

CONTINUED.

One night the news came that Mr. Ludlum's house had been burnt to the ground by Indians, and it was asserted by some, and believed by almost everybody, that they had been incited to their evil work by the banished Lemuel, who was known to have lived in good favor with them.

A meeting was called, with Mr. Williams at the head, and it was determined that if it should be discovered that Lemuel had returned to the settlement, the sentence of the previous court should not only be carried out, but that he should also be whipped in the market-place, and branded in both cheeks.

Benjamin said he had no doubt, for his part, but that he should have the pleasure of witnessing the execution of judgment, for that the boldness of those enlisted under the banner of Satan was sure to bring them to destruction, and that for one, he would see that the irons were duly heated.

"O Benjamin!" was all that Winifred could say. But her father laid his hands on the young man's head, called him his son, and showed him in many ways that he fully comprehended his words and purposes.

Poor Winifred! no wonder she could not hear the reading of the Bible that night, nor the prayer that followed it, so troubled and tormented was her soul, both for fear that harm should come to Lemuel, and lest she was very wicked in the indulgence of any in-cidencies.

When the fire burned low, and it was quite still in the house that night, she knelt by her father's bedside, and prayed very earnestly for all who had evil spoken against her, especially for all exiles, and all sufferers for conscience's sake. She did not know that Lemuel, she tried to believe she was praying for all wretched men everywhere—not especially for him—and so well did she persuade herself that this was true, and that he was no nearer to her than others, slandered and reproached as he was, that rising from her knees she took the old sweet treasure from its hiding-place, put it in the fire, and watched it till it lay waering on the coals in one thin sheet of ashes.

Then she felt better, she said, but the tears were running down her cheeks, and her lips trembled.

She wished the morning were come, for, childlike, she felt as if the danger to Lemuel would lessen with the light. She could not sleep, nor think of sleep, and, at length, lifting the latch softly, stole out of the house.

She had not yet stepped off the door-stone, when she heard her name pronounced very lowly and sweetly. It must be Benjamin, she thought, lingering to protect them from sudden attack, but her heart had never thrilled to his calling as it did then. Afraid to advance, and unable to retreat, she remained fixed on the spot, striving to penetrate the shadows that waved under the struggling moonlight and clouds. Her name was repeated directly, and a little way from her she saw indistinctly the form of a man, which she recognized as the same one seen on the night of the Narragansett's death.

She advanced a few steps from the door, that her words might not be over-heard within the house, and speaking softly, more softly than she had ever spoken to Benjamin, she inquired who was there, and what the nature of their errand.

"For your sake and for mine," replied the voice that had previously spoken, "I must not say who I am, but I am here for your protection, as I have been many a night before, when I have been thought otherwise."

She knew very well now that it was Lemuel to whom she was speaking, and forgetful of herself in the thought of his danger, she made haste to conceal herself beside a rose-bush at hand, so that she might not see his face, as she explained to him the condemnation with which he was threatened. But in spite of her earnest appeal, he would scarcely listen, so eager was he to make known the peril in which herself and her father were.

The Indians, he said, believed it was Mr. Nowel who had killed their chief, and were seeking opportunity to burn his house, and murder himself and child, and he pressed his face through the rose-bush that divided them, as he besought her, under some pretext or other, to flee away with her father to a place of safety.

In vain Winifred tried to make him appreciate the perils in which he himself stood. "Supposing you escape the Indians," she said, "will their leader as you did before, flee less terrible await you at the whipping-post and with the branding iron?"

In the lowest whisper, for she was afraid of her own voice, she told him this, but she could not make him fear for himself—only for her and her old helpless father.

She, on the contrary, not alive to his danger, besought him to take advantage of the night, and get thence as far as might be, assuring him that she would awake her father, and they would watch together.

No, Lemuel would not hear of it, and the end of the controversy was the affirmation on his part, that let what would come, he would remain where he was.

"Oh!" cried Winifred, wrought to a passionate and sorrowful pitch of energy, "go!

and that quickly, as you value your own life, as you value my—" She hesitated, and was silent; she had betrayed more than she meant to, and confused and angry with herself, drew away.

"Finish that sentence," pleaded Lemuel, speaking sweet and low, and leaning his face almost through the bush—"finish it, and I will do anything."

"As you value my safety, then," she answered, in an altered tone: "are you satisfied now?"

"No, Winifred, I am not satisfied; and yet, if that is what you would have said at first, I am satisfied. Tell me if it really be."

"Never mind what I would have said—I don't know myself—but hasten away quickly—time is precious, and every moment's delay adds to the peril of your situation. Go, and take with you my blessing; and now, farewell."

"Say first," he replied sadly, "that let what will come, you will not believe the evil that is spoken of me, and will not join persecutors in my condemnation."

She hesitated, for she remembered how many things had been spoken against him, and knew that she herself did not believe him altogether blameless.

He interpreted her silence agreeably to his wishes, and went on to say he knew she would not condemn him, for once from his concealment in that very bush, he heard her most graciously defend and praise him; and, moreover, saw her kiss his handkerchief.

"And if you did, you will never see me kiss it again," she replied, in that sort of womanish impetuosity which, first and last, causes the sex most trouble.

"I see," he said, speaking in a sad and humble tone, "that my enemies have not accused me in vain. What is their accusation and yours?"

"They accuse you," she replied, not heeding the fact of being herself numbered among the accusers "both of defaming Mr. Williams and of refusing to make public declaration of repentance."

"I refused," he interposed, "to make public declaration of repentance for having committed with the Church of England before coming among you, and for that I was not sorry, and could not offend my conscience by professing to be, even for the sake of pleasing Mr. Williams."

Winifred laughed a little scornfully, and as though his conscience was not so tender as he would make it appear.

"No, nor to please Mistress Winifred herself," he added, haughtily; and after a moment went on a hunched and saddened tone, "though of all things in the world I desire that most."

The haughty, and not the humble, tone rung in Winifred's ears, and the assertion that he had already pleased her, was more vivid than the timid avowal that of all things he most desired to do, and she definitely proceeded to count up the accusations against him, one of which was the having created divers disturbances in divers places; another that he was a pestilent fellow; and another that he had burned Mr. Ludlow's house.

"Of which last offence," she concluded, "I hope you can conscientiously say you are not guilty."

"If you accuse me too," he said, speaking with dignity, as he arose from the shadow which had previously concealed him, and stood upright in the moonlight. "If you accuse me, too, I have no defense to offer."

And without another word, he walked firmly, and deliberately away.

Trembling from head to foot, Winifred besought him to remain but for one moment, vehemently protesting that she herself did not accuse him—that she had but repeated what others had said of him; and as she spoke, her imploring posture and the tenderness of her tones vindicated the sincerity of her words, and betrayed all which she had been at such pains to conceal.

It was all too late—if he heard, he did not seem to hear, but went steadily forward, without so much as once looking back, till the darkness divided him from her sight.

Then came to her that terrible torment of heart, and brain, and soul—burning, crushing, bitter and repentant—which at some period of life every woman has experienced, and which, in some degree at least, she has brought upon herself through wilfulness or pride.

"Oh, Love! Love! Wisdom will lose her cunning ere thou thy perversity."

CHAPTER SECOND.

Again Winifred sat by the hearthside, but it was darkness now—the shadow of death had fallen upon the old house that was her home, and half the plantation of the Massachusetts Bay responded to its somnolence. A reverend head was missed from the congregation; the old man whose counsels all had looked to for wisdom, had ceased to be seen among men. Therefore sat Winifred by the hearth and mourned, and would not be comforted, for his dying benediction and the memory of his life of rectitude weighed little against her orphanage, and the blackness of desolation that attends it.

She had buried him out of her sight, but not out of her heart, and the bitterness because her lamentation was not the less bitter because that Benjamin mourned with her.

In his last moments Mr. Nowel had expressed the happiness he felt in the prospective union of his daughter with the excellent young man, Benjamin, and perhaps in so expressing himself he was conscientious, and yet he must have known, if he could have

looked at the matter in a light outside of his own will, that it was his preference much more than hers, in which he rejoiced.

That she was pleased with his demonstrations of interest and affection does not contradict this fact—he was the only young person with whom she had ever been permitted to have intercourse having been for the most part confined to elderly men and women, whose habits of mind and conversation were strictly and severely theological, and whose code of morality excluded smiles from their faces, and worldly matters from their conversation, as deadly sins.

As a plant that is walled from the sunshine by frosty stones, and grows cramped and pale in the unnatural atmosphere, so she had grown, never once suspecting that larger light and ampler room would have developed in her quite another womanhood from that into which she had been composed by her theological and moral chemistry.

When she was left alone in the world, and Benjamin, growing bolder, assumed the tone and manner of authority and ownership, the daybreak of truth began to dawn upon her; but her own experience will best illustrate the process of its widening into open day.

It was found by the will of Mr. Nowel that Winifred was cut off from her inheritance, as the wife of Benjamin, to whom the whole bulk of the property fell. Whether the testator made this disposition in the conviction that it would be as well for Winifred as though her portion came by direct descent, or whether to make assurance doubly sure, as regarded her marriage, it is not worth while to inquire. Enough that it was so, and that Benjamin assumed the management of affairs without even a modicum of deference to Winifred as though her portion came by direct descent, or whether to make assurance doubly sure, as regarded her marriage, it is not worth while to inquire. Enough that it was so, and that Benjamin assumed the management of affairs without even a modicum of deference to Winifred as though her portion came by direct descent, or whether to make assurance doubly sure, as regarded her marriage, it is not worth while to inquire. 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WOBURN, SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1861.

PATIENT CONFIDENCE.

All great undertakings there is a demand for a patient confidence as to the final result. Once fully settled and established in the assurance that a mighty enterprise cannot but be successful in the end, we are then prepared to go forward, calmly and energetically, in the performance of whatever is necessary to secure the result desired.

When the cannon peal from Fort Sumter was heard over the land, men in a moment sprang, as it were, into a new life, and seizing their arms, as did our fathers in 1775, they rushed to the seat of danger, burning with indignation and anxiety to hurl back the traitors who were plotting the ruin of the country. A little delay in striking the first blow can hardly be borne.

Their souls are all on fire, and they are impatient to go forward. Hence it is not strange that some men think and feel that the Government is proceeding too slowly. To be sure no attack has been made, but a vast amount of necessary work has been done—work that must be done in organizing the forces of the North, ere they can act with the desired efficiency and power. With her abundant resources the North need not be in too great a hurry. Every day is unquestionably telling upon the South, who is, apparently, making a desperate effort. In the meantime it becomes the Government to take every step so that none shall need to retrace. A full year would be little time enough to get ready for the war that has been forced upon us. But there are men at the head of affairs who ought to know, and undoubtedly do know what they are about. We hear much of what the South are intending to do. Where they are able to equip 1000 men the North is able to bring 10,000 into the field. They have bankruptcy staring them in the face, while at the North there is an abundance of money and provisions to meet every want of the Government. Already our Naval armament begins to assume formidable proportions. The North has only just begun to get ready to maintain the Government and the Laws, while the South have been years in maturing their plans and stealing money and munitions of war for this very occasion. Let us rest in calm confidence, seeing that, with Scott at the head of our forces, preparations will be made and plans laid, that will cause the rebels of the South to be hurried back and trodden down before the uprisen power of the North. We have an enemy to deal with that has ever been unprincipled and treacherous in the extreme. They will declare one thing and do the opposite. We now begin to see what the North has had to contend with and what northern office seekers have submitted to in years gone by. But a day of reckoning has come, and we hope the Government and the friends of the Stars and the Stripes will not cease from their efforts till the pride and insolence of the South has been thoroughly humbled and subdued. Let us not forget that we have no child's work to perform. Knowing, as the South does, that success or ruin is before them, they are straining every nerve to baffle the North. But with a united people, such as we now see—with brave men and true, ready to offer themselves upon their country's altar;—with the desire to perpetuate Freedom and obedience to constitutional law as the foundation stone upon which to stand,—how can we fail? With the South their avowed aim and object is the perpetuation of a wrong that Heaven in its justice must take sides against. Looking at the contest in this light, why should we fear? Even Thomas Jefferson, years ago said,—“I tremble for my country when I remember that God is just.”

Let us, then, one and all—those who have volunteered to go forth to the seat of the conflict and those who stay behind by the staff,—cause an influence to be felt at Washington that shall be a pillar of support upon which our rulers may lean in this trying hour. The President has called around him men whose talents will cause their names to be enrolled upon the brightest pages of our nation's history. Let none of us—at this distance from the scenes with which they are familiar, distrust their ability to guide in safety our noble ship of State. They must know a thousand times better, than we can, what the exigencies of the times demand. It is ours to give them the support, too, of men armed in bristling steel, and from every city, and village, and hamlet, strong men and true have girded on their armor and gone forth. Aged fathers and mothers have bestowed their blessing and their prayers upon the stags and supports of their declining years, and cheerfully laid them upon their country's altar in the hour of their country's need. Can we,—what is more than all, and better than all,—doubt that the God of battles is on our side? Why then should we give way to distrust or fear? A fiery ordeal, it is true, must sweep over our land. We must learn by our personal experience that the blessings we have hitherto enjoyed are worth preserving to ourselves and to the world at any cost however great. When they are again secured to us we shall value them and guard them as we never did before.

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WOBURN MECHANIC PHALANX.—On Wednesday forenoon, this company paraded in full marching order, and attracted much attention. While on the Common, Mr. S. W. Wyman photographed the company, while in line. At a quarter past one they took the cars for Boston, and marched to the State House where Capt. Winn tendered their services to the Governor. The people of Boston showed their admiration for the corps, by unbounded enthusiasm, and no other company, even at the height of the late excitement, received such hearty applause. We clip the following from the Boston *Advertiser* of Thursday morning:—

“The Woburn Phalanx, Capt. Timothie Winn, are on visit to this city to-day. The Company arrived in town soon after noon, and marched up State street at half past two o'clock to the fine meeting hall, where the 1st, 2d, and 3d Regiments were filled with people, so much so that it was with some difficulty that a hole could be made for the Company to march through, and enthusiastic cheers greeted them at every step. The Phalanx is indeed a fine corps, and well deserve all the encomiums that were bestowed.

From State street Capt. Winn marched his command through Court, Tremont and Beacon streets to the State House, where he was received by Gen. Butler, and the 1st, 2d, and 3d Regiments, accompanied by Major General Andrews of the First Division, Major General Morse of the Third Division, and several other officers, took place.

The company made a splendid appearance and their drill in the manual was such as to enlist the applause of the spectators. The officers above mentioned, congratulated Capt. Winn very warmly upon the excellence of his command. After leaving the State House, the company took part of a collation at Chapman's Hall.”

ROXBURY CITY GAZETTE.—We have just received a copy of this paper, published by Mr. Hutchinson of the So. Reading *Gazette*, and may say that it is a very fine sheet in every respect.

SUCIDE.—Mrs. Susan Cuttier, of this town committed suicide last Monday, while in an unsound state of mind, by hanging herself to her bedpost with a handkerchief. She has been subject, for some time past, to fits of melancholy.

IT is more than likely we shall have another military company in town. The more the better. It is no use to be found napping.

The Phalanx will attend Divine worship in a body, at the First Congregational Church to-morrow.

HIGH WIND.—The high wind of Monday, played severe antics with buildings, trees, &c. One building belonging to Maverick Wyman, was blown down, and many trees had large branches torn off. About thirty feet of the flag staff on the Common, was broken off, but the rest was done but of minor importance.

ARMORY OF THE PHALANX, May 6, 1861.

In view of the liberal vote of the town passed to-day, we hereby agree to establish the following rules for our government until we are ordered on duty by the State:—

1. The roll will be called at 9 o'clock, A.M.,—drill to continue at the discretion of the drill master. At its conclusion the roll will be called at 2 o'clock, P. M., do, do. Any member leave of the commander, or a reasonable excuse for sickness, shall be reported to the Selectmen, with the recommendation that one dollar be discounted from his monthly pay.

2. Any member guilty of noisy or disorderly conduct or who shall be seen intoxicated or expel from the company, and forfeit his pay for the week in which the offence is committed.

3. On Sunday, the roll will be called at 10 o'clock, A. M., and after Divine service. Any member absent from either roll-call will have fifty cents deducted from his pay. The company will attend church in a body, in uniform, at such place as they may be invited.

In the afternoon the roll will be called except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a meeting called for that purpose.

Voted that the Clerk be instructed to cause the above by-laws to be published in the local newspapers.

H. N. HASTINGS, Clerk.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.—The following are the officers elected by the different companies at their annual meeting, on Tuesday evening last:—

NIAGARA NO. 1.—Foreman—John Gilcreast; Second do.—John Parker; Third do.—A. D. Hardwick; Clerk—John Parker; Asst. Clerk—T. J. Sullivan; Treasurer—J. B. Stowers; Steward—William J. Gillespie; Assistant Steward—A. L. Wheeler.

Immediately after the election of Mr. Gilcreast, the Company presented their retiring foreman, Jacob Webster, with a very fine fireman's hat, bearing an appropriate inscription. Mr. Webster thanked the company for their gift, and gave them a short history of his life as a fireman. He also presented them with a helmet, that he used when foreman of No. 1, twenty years ago, and which once was the means of saving his life. The gift was thankfully received by the Company, and placed upon the photograph of the donor, which graces their hall.

JACOB WEBSTER, No. 2.—Foreman—T. E. Warland; Second do.—A. Barker; Third do.—P. M. Warland; Clerk—C. E. Fuller; Treasurer—H. Buckman; Steward—H. Harris.

VERO, No. 4.—Foreman—Charles Parker; Second do.—T. W. Adams; Third do.—A. Hadley; Clerk and Treasurer—D. Macfarlane.

The same organization, by the Engineers as last year is retained.

17.—A report was current in town during the first part of the present week, that Mr. J. G. Dean, a former resident of this place, and a member of the Concord Artillery, was to be shot at Annapolis as a spy, and that he had sent home a letter to that effect. The report was true as far as the letter and contents were concerned, but Mr. Dean was a little premature in fixing the time for his death so near at hand, as a subsequent letter from him revealed the fact that he “still lived,” and that the prospect of death was as far away as ever. The whole trouble, probably, arose from some misunderstanding. Mr. Dean was prevented from going with his company, and consequently had to follow on alone. When he reached Annapolis, he most likely was unable to make his identity clear, and so was taken into custody. However, he managed to make his way to Washington and join his company, and doubtless will live to see many happy days.

W. M. PHALANX.—A gentleman in Boston, writing to a friend in this town, says of the phalanx, “I saw the Woburn company yesterday, and must confess it was the finest company I have seen yet. They seemed to be armed and equipped to the teeth. They had a drill on South Market street, and did themselves much honor. They then proceeded through the village just before dark, attracted the attention of these gentlemen, and a message of warning was at once despatched to Col. Hancock. Of their personal danger they did not entertain an idea, but retired quietly to rest, without taking the least precaution.”

As the British advance came into view of the dwelling-house, they arose and looked out of the windows, and in the bright moonlight saw the glitter of the bayonets, and marked the regular march of the disciplined troops. The front had passed, and the centre was opposite the house, when a signal

was given, and an officer and a file of men marched toward it. Then the apprehension of danger first struck them, and they hastened to escape. Rushing downstairs, Col. Gerry in perturbation, was about to open the door in the face of the British, when the agitated landlord exclaimed, “For God's sake, gentlemen, don't open that door.” He then hurried them out at the back door, into a corn-field, where the old stalks still remained. Hastening along, Col. Gerry soon felt, “Stop, Orne,” he called in low, urgent voice, “Stop, or I shall be killed; the horses of the shore shall pluck the eagle of the sea.”

The *harpies* wanted to pluck the eagle of the sea, but the Massachusetts boys were a little quick to them, and now Old Ironsides is safe at the North.

OLD IRONSIDES.—In his inimitable soul-stirring lyric,—written many years ago upon hearing that the Navy Department contemplated breaking up the frigate Constitution and selling her timbers,—Dr. Holmes has the following Stanza:—

“Her deck once red with heroes' blood,
Where knelt the vanquished foe,
When winds were hurrying over the flood,
And waves were white below—
No more shall feel the victor's tread,
Or know the conqueror's knee;
The harpies of the shore shall pluck
The eagle of the sea.”

They compelled their proud enemies to acknowledge and respect. It is the flag which became the symbol of our national independence and glory.”

The New York Zouaves.

We copy the following from a correspondent in the Washington *Morning Chronicle*:—

The come will display itself in war as in every thing else. Many humorous scenes have transpired in connection with the equipments raised by Col. Elmer and Col. Billy Wilson. A few mornings since, while the former was drilling Company G of his command, at the arsenal, (Company G you are to know is made up of pure fighting boys)—some member or friend of the company rushed up to the drill room and shouted: “Company G, this way, one of our boys is in a mess!” Quick as a flash, Company G broke ranks, rushed down stairs, and down a few rods in the Avenue, where they met the company of the “driving crowd.” “I give them an express and special thrash,” said ranks again on the march, marched up stairs, and went on with the drill, saying not a word, and as though nothing had happened. 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complains that they are neglected in the distribution of their rations. This is the fault of the Quartermaster, who is either ignorant of his duty, or is inexorably dilatory in performing it. The complaint is a serious one, but being oft repeated, a remedy will be applied. Quite interesting extracts from several letters have been promised, but friends are not aware that our correspondence for the Journal has to be closed on Thursday morning.

On Monday afternoon a request was made that such ladies as might get notice would meet at the Town House the next day to prepare garments and make up parcels to send to the Richardson Light Guard. On Tuesday afternoon from 150 to 200 ladies were at the Town House, all eager to do something for the soldiers.

Mrs. John McKay and Miss Prentice of this town, have offered their services to Gov. Washburn of Maine, to accompany one of the Regiments of that State as nurses—and they have been accepted. Miss Prentice was formerly of Maine.

A KENTUCKY SOLDIER.—The following incident occurred at Camp Morton, Indiana. One poor fellow from Kentucky came over alone and enlisted at Madison. A crowd of friends were shaking hands with other volunteers whom they knew, but he, being a stranger, remained unnoticed. He burst into tears, and exclaimed, "There is no one to bid God bless me!" Instantly a hundred men rushed at him and bore him up in their arms, while the whole multitude shouted forth their blessings upon the noble-hearted patriot.

FOR MARRIED LADIES.—In cold winter, when a horse's bit is full of frost, never put it (we are told) into his mouth without previously warming it. You shouldn't treat your husband with less kindness than you would your horse; therefore, during the winter, put none but warm bits into the dear creature's mouth. Not to do so is very cruel, as it is very well known that the husband's mouth is much more sensitive to cold than at any other period of the year. It only makes him restive, and snatches, and spoils his temper so much that it is almost dangerous, to try to go near him. Hence, whatever you do, avoid cold mutton.—*Pruech.*

GET A PURE ARTICLE.—However opinions may vary as to the use or abuse of liquors as beverages, or for medicinal use, no live man can be found who would not prefer and recommend the "cheap" article to the "costly" to be taken.

There are two kinds of wine, spoken of in the Bible: one is recommended as a little of the stomach's sake," the other denounces.

No doubt one was *pure*, the other *ripe*.

If you will use the article, do procure it in its original purity, and only seek it from among honorable and respectable merchants, whose character and long standing as well as judgment can be relied upon, and to whom a responsible manufacturer or liquor is of tenfold more importance than anything they could gain by it.

If consumers have any doubt as to procuring, in their own vicinity, such an article as they desire, we confidently recommend them to the old established house of L. D. RICHARDS & SONS, Boston, whose advertisement may be found in another column.

Special Notices.

NOTICE.

The WOMEN GAS LIGHT COMPANY hereby give notice that no assessments have been voted by said company, or paid by the stockholders thereof, during the past year, and that the amount of all existing debts of said company is the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars.

CHAS. CHIOTE, President.

BOWEN BUCKMAN, Majority of Directors.

ABRAHAM THOMPSON, of J. B. WINX, said Company.

Woburn May 10th, 1861.—it.

To Consumers.

The Advertising Department, accustomed to publishing weekly by very simple ready, after having suffered several years with a severe lung affection and that dread disease, Consumption—is anxious to know to whom his fellow-subscribers the means of cure.

To all who desire it, he will send a copy of the prescriptions (not free of charge), with the directions for their use, and will also furnish a receipt for a sure CURE FOR CONSUMPTION, ASTHMA, RHONCHITIS, &c. The only object of the advertiser in this is to help the poor, and to spread information which he conceives to be invaluable, and he hopes every sufferer will try it, as it will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing.

Parties wishing the prescription will please address Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON, Williamsburg, Kings County, New York.

Married.

NICHOLAS BARNARD.—In Reading, May 1st, by Jonathan Baldwin Esq., Mr. John Calvin Nichols to Hannah Jane Barnard, all of Reading.

Died.

CUTTER.—In Woburn, May 6th, Mrs. Susan Cutter, aged 73 years, 11 months & 6 days.

WILLIAMS.—In Woburn, May 3d, Martin Cullen, aged 26 years.

KENDALL.—In Winchester, May 5th, Anna P. Kendall, widow of Dr. John M. Elizabeth Kendall, aged 2 years, 2 months & 12 days.

BOUTTELL.—In Reading, April 29th, Mr. Joseph Bouttell, aged 75 years, 22 days.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts, MIDDLESEX, SS.

WHEREAS at a meeting of the County Commissioners for said County, held at Cambridge, on the first Tuesday of April, and adjourned on the sixteenth day of April, A. D. 1861.

On the Petition of A. Weld, S. T. Sanborn and Wallace Wayte, Substitutes of Winchester, to the said Commissioners, to the boundaries of Main Street, in said Winchester.

It was adjudged that said defining bounds, and boundaries are of common convenience and necessity.

Said Commissioners did give notice that the same meet at the Town Hall, in Winchester, on the third day of June next, at ten of the clock, in the forenoon, to locate accordingly.

By order of the Commissioners,

P. H. SWEETSER, Chairman.

South Reading, April 16, 1861.

Diaries for 1861!

All styles of Diaries for 1861, can be found at the WOBURN BOOKSTORE.

An Important Fact!

It is a fact—none will dispute, Each day doth show it clearly,— The Yankees sometimes—though they're "ente," Pay for the whistle! dearly.

2
See them there run in the TOWN to buy A handfull of "LITTLE TINGS," And find they've paid so mighty high; They think of it with loathing.

3
Hereafter, to avoid mistake,— Just listen to my dirge, Whene'er this way your tracks you make, Go further down the city.

4
Good DODGE square you'll always find— Good "CLOTHING" cheap and plenty,— You cannot buy so much to your mind Elsewhere in town in twenty.

5
At 29 and 30 call, The old adage is— There MORSE will "SUITE" you, one and all, AT VERY LOWEST PRICES.

28—3m.

MRS. C. F. PORTER,

HAS taken the Store formerly occupied by MR. ALVAN BUCKMAN, and would invite the Ladies of Woburn, and vicinity, to call and examine her stock of MILLINERY.

Woburn, May 4th, 1861.—3m.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex:

THE undersigned, respectfully represent that the public necessity and convenience would greatly be promoted by an alteration in the line of Woburn, and vicinity, to the town of Lowell, for your honorabla board may view the pramises and straighten, widen and discontinue so much thereof as to be.

JAMES A. WOODBURY and others,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

MIDDLESEX, SS. At a meeting of the County Commissioners for said County, at Cambridge in said county, on the first Tuesday of April, A. D. 1861.

On the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the Commissioners, or his Deputy, give notice to all persons and corporations, and to the public, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the Town Hall, on the 15th of October in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

On the 15th of October, the petition, printed at the "Woburn Journal," for the purpose of

Grinding Corn, Rye & Co.

is now received, to be examined, and in that case may favor him with a call. A Cob Cracker is ready to be put in, and will be ready for use in a few days.

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Miscellaneous.

Fort Sumter.

AN IMPROMPTU, BY A VIRGINIAN LADY STILL IN THE UNION.

Love be the note of triumph sung;
Forget the battles Home's song;
Let all men under heaven see
What Southern chivalry hath done;
The day that saw Fort Sumter won,
Seven thousand conquered seventy!

Let heros from, Thermopylae
To Waterloo, forgotten be;

Out faith in them is shaking,
Their deeds weighing grand, I know;
But not, though we have praised them so,
All like sumters taking.

Thank God it 'twas a bloodless fight,
Even brother foes in this unite;

May one's soul's heaven see!
But none can take from Southern men

The fame of that great battle, when

Seven thousand conquered seventy!

—*Harper's Weekly.*

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And who can doubt that the success of these principles will conduce to the benefit of our country while the triumph of opposite principles can only result in its injury. Permit me to draw, for a moment, a contrast between the two systems of Slavery and Freedom, from what we already know of them, and then infer the results.

When we look at one portion of our land, the free States, we find that, from the beginning, it has been rapidly progressing in science, literature and the arts, in everything in fine, that can contribute to the social advancement of men, while the oppressed from other lands have sought it as their home, a paradise compared with the countries which they left, and it has stood the envy and admiration of communities in the old world, the intellectual advancement of which has been the slow and often retarded growth of centuries. While another portion of our land, the Slave States, has made comparatively but slow progress in enlightened civilization—and consequently is not sought after by people of other lands—and the improvement which it has made has not sprung up within itself, but has been derived from the Northern States and from other countries which have furnished them with the means of intellectual culture, and have beautified their homes with their products of science and art. But even this borrowed culture can be enjoyed only by a few, while the great body of the people—to say nothing of the black race—are degraded almost to the lowest ignorance, of the most inflammable material, and therefore the ready and dangerous instruments of the more intelligent and cultivated. All who cannot rise to the dignity—God save the mark—of slave ownership are looked upon with contempt by their aristocratic neighbors, and the amount of respectability and influence among them is derived from the number of human beings they can drive to the slave market or can work in the fields. As great as has been our general national prosperity, this system of evils has greatly crippled our growth, dwarfed and misdirected our people, sullied our otherwise fair fame, making us the scorn and reproach of the civilized world.

Moreover, the slave power, occupying and controlling as it has the offices and high places of our land, has had abundant opportunity to show the moral apathy which directs it. And what has been the result? The growth of moral and political corruption has kept pace with every year of its power, its poison has insinuated itself into the veins of our social and political system, until now, no longer able to govern the nation, it has at last thrown aside entirely the mask, and reached the climax of its depravity by the wholesale robbery of public authority and treasure, and the repudiation of important private obligations.

That the destruction of such a system will be a benefit to our nation and the world cannot admit of a doubt; and we need not be at all surprised, with the passing away of a power so corrupt and tyrannical, to behold no less commotions than those which we now see and are about to witness. Its struggles for existence will be desperate, its very life seems involved in the contest, but who can fear the ultimate issue. It may be permitted to gain a temporary ascendancy, to humble the pride of the North if it forgets God and trusts too much in the mere number of men it can command, and the means it can employ, or to punish the indifference with which a people, we have so long regarded this wicked system.

In the midst, then, of the enthusiasm of the people with him, when they were engaged in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, let us "call upon God," and then put ourselves in readiness to meet the assault. Let each man stand at his post with a weapon, so to speak, in his hand, and a sword girt upon his thigh, and be ready to obey the summons of the trumpet when he shall call. And let us fervently pray that the Nehemiah of our choice, who has been deputed to stand at the head of our hosts, may not give an ear to the insidious propositions of the Sanballats and Tobials of the Border States, whose only object is to flatter and delay, that they may destroy.

My hearers, the awful crisis is upon us, and it becomes each to stand ready to hear his country's call. Let none be so selfish as to regard only his own personal safety—reckless of the welfare of unborn millions, and submit to an enemy who already has seized on the flag of our liberties, and is now inveterate with his forces the place sacred to the name of the Father of our country, and hopes to occupy or to burn down those halls of freedom in which has sounded the patriot voices of a Jefferson, a Jackson, a Clay and a Webster. Their noble forms now lie in the dust, and their eloquent tongues are no longer heard in the councils of the nation, but they still speak, and their spirit still lives in the bosoms of their true descendants. It is not dead. The striking down of the stars and stripes from the ramparts of Sumter intensified the feeling of patriotism that swelled the breasts of millions, and called forth a like emotion that had been slumbering in the hearts of thousands of others, so that now, through the length and breadth of the North, one feeling pervades the bosoms of men, not a thirst for blood, but a determination, under God, to uphold the sacred cause of right, a

sentiment which forms the rallying cry of marshaling hosts of freemen, of all parties and of all names, and which cannot but meet the approval of Jehovah, "God and Liberty, the "Sword of the Lord and of Gideon," "The Union and the Constitution one and indissoluble, now and forever."

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The Massachusetts Regiments.

BY ALMIRA SEYMOUR.

They were raised on the soil whence the Adamses sprung.
That is Lincoln and Warren gave birth;
Descendants of Sires whose proud names have been sung.

In the noblest bosom of earth,
They were trained in our shops, they were trained in our schools;

They've been taught on our free waves to sail;
They have learned of Progression the practice and rules;

But they know not the meaning of FAIL.

They marched 'neath that banner whose glorious light

Has been the world's Hope-star in heaven;
They march in defense of the True and the Right,

And God's power to each strong arm is given.

That flag will still wave o'er the Land of the Free,

"Though Treason by millions assaile;

The sons of the Bay State have sworn it shall be,

And they know not the meaning of FAIL.

—Transcript

Select Literature.

WINIFRED NOWELL.

A Story of the Puritans.

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Winifred, always subdued by an allusion to her father, was so now; her lips trembled, and, after a vain effort to suppress the tears, she said, "you have done nothing wrong—it is who am wrong;" and she went on to say that her nature was strange and ingovernable—that she did not understand it herself, and had no right to expect more of him.

At last she fell to sobbing, taik'd of her father's grave, wished that her own were beside it, and that her dear, good friend, for so she called Benjamin, might find some one worthier of his love than she. Duty was tiresome, she said, and pleasure harder than duty; as for the future, she had no heart to think of it, and, in short, she was unequal to the struggle of life.

Under this melancholy appeal, Benjamin broke down completely; he had no word of comfort to offer no settled plan or purpose on which to rest himself; and with the weak confession that he had no object nor aim in life except to be married to Winifred, and lose all separate existence in her, he sunk into hopeless and pitiful dejection.

He looked at her appealingly, as he ceased speaking, but she made no reply; and, driven to despair, he said, speaking through the cat, "Pussy, go and ask her if she won't name the day."

"You refer to our marriage, I suppose," replied Winifred, rising and crossing the floor impatiently.

He nodded assent.

And she went on: "Of course, it cannot take place within the year."

Benjamin poked in the ashes with the tongs, but neither by look or sign expressed impatience or disappointment.

Winifred turned her eyes upon him almost angrily; she had probably expected some expression of regret; and, after the slightest pause, she continued: "It would, perhaps, be more decent to defer so festive an occasion still longer." The lover remained silent; and she added, speaking coldly and sharply, "It cannot be deferred too long to suit my own inclinations."

Thus goaded by speech, Benjamin replied, in a highly poetic strain, "Thou art the chos'n of Rachel of my heart, and knowest I would fain serve for thee seven years, yea, twice seven, in patience and humility, if thou wilt not sooner give thyself unto me."

"Give myself to you, indeed!" cried Winifred, haughtily, looking as if from a great height upon the humble worder.

"Why looks thou displeased? why have I not told thee thy will is my will?" whimpered Benjamin, in supplicating tones.

Such weak submission is generally little pleasing to women. Winifred was not unlike the rest. A little impatient contradiction—a little authoritative importance—would have been much more likely to win her regard. And, without any softening of manner, she pointed silently to the clock, which was on the stroke of ten, and feeling that for the present, at least, his fate was sealed, Benjamin took a formal and reluctant leave of his incomprehensible and somewhat capricious mistress.

She turned, the key in the door when he was gone, as if the more effectually to divide herself from him, and covering her face with her hands, remained motionless till the candle flickered in the gray light of the morning; and when nature was thus wearied out, she found herself sufficiently resigned to pray for resignation. Her devotions concluded, she keyed up her trembling nerves, and went quietly, if not peacefully, about her house, half care.

Toward night, she complained of an uneasy feeling in her head, and when Benjamin came to pay his accustomed visit in the evening, she had gone to bed, so that he was obliged to solace himself as he best might with the dull homilies of Aunt Dorcas.

The following night his visit terminated with no more satisfactory result. And thus the days and nights passed till a week had gone, during which no personal interview with Winifred was had. His messages to her memory, were received with the utmost indifference.

"It is the way with young women," said Aunt Dorcas, "they are always standing in their own light, and fretting about the shadow;" and she advised her slighted favorite to leave his capricious mistress to her own meditations for a while, as the surest means of bringing her to herself.

Reluctantly, and perforce, Benjamin acquiesced in this advice; and having absented himself for a day or two, he found it no such hard matter, after all; new sources of enjoyment and interest, much better adapted to him, were opened, and finally the thought suggested itself that Winifred was not the only young woman in the plantation. It was, however, rather to pique her, than in obedience to his own inclinations, that he made overtures toward a larger female acquaintance.

Aunt Dorcas was not greatly mistaken in her predictions. When nothing had been seen or heard of Benjamin for a week, Winifred began to grow curious, and at the end of a fortnight her curiosity had deepened into something like interest. This mysterious conduct was elucidated in some sort to her mind, when, one day, as she sat at the window, she saw him pass by in company with a fair-faced young woman, whose conversation he seemed too much absorbed to even think of her, for he did not once so much as look toward her.

"Ah, ha!" thought she, "I will see if he is going to desert me in this way!" Who is he that he should thus presume, as if I, who am in every way his superior, was to be cast off and taken back at pleasure?"

No woman likes to find herself deserted, and however inferior her lover, or however lightly prized while faithful, there is not one in a thousand who will not recall him, if faithless, simply for the pleasure of tossing him off. And it was not so much tenderness that was aroused in the nature of Winifred, as a feeling of jealousy—a love of power, and a determination, at all hazards, to subdue the recreant.

"Then I will never become his wife," answered Winifred.

"Humph!" said Winifred with a disdainful toss of her head.

"Of course the husband's will is, or should be, that of the wife," continued Aunt Dorcas; "and your individual existence ceases the moment you become the wife of Benjamin."

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"Not so fast, silly wench!" exclaimed Aunt Dorcas. "Do you not vow to love, honor, and obey? and do you not expect those obligations to be enforced? and did you not pledge yourself to your dying father?"

"Say no more, I entreat," interposed Winifred, her head sinking on her bosom, and all her spirit failing within her.

It is, therefore, strange if she found means to bring him to her feet? or if she received him with those tender reproaches and soft severities which, while they betoken bonds, make them delightful?

It is proverbial that lovers' quarrels generally resolve themselves into deeper attachment, and in this instance it is certain that he had been much excluded of late, that she consented to receive him, but with a reluctance that destroyed all the grace of concession.

Unfortunately for his hopes, he was unusually fond and demonstrative, whereas, if he had had the tact to meet her formality with dignified reserve, he might have obtained some little vantage ground. The gift between them had never been so wide, nor Winifred so little in favor of bridging it over. Benjamin was much given (and in this respect I believe he was not very unlike other lovers) to rhetorical rhapsodies, in which every impossible and undesirable offering was laid at the feet of his mistress. Upon this occasion he went so far as to say he would place a crown on her brows, if it were only in his power—he would journey to the world's end in the accomplishment of any wish of hers—he would even die for her. Much more largely then need be recorded, he indulged in these protestations, all of which the tenor of his life contradicted, for he was self-willed to obstinacy, and gloried in a little brief authority, to the extent of his small capacity for exultation.

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Thus goaded, Winifred crushed and writhed down the heart within her, and transiently stifled, but never wholly conquered it, for originally it was sound to the core, and vitalized with a warm, bright, and generous pulse, and it requires long and painful processes to exhaust and blacken and dry up the blood that has been thus righteously set beating. But that it can be done, and that character once strongly and thriftily individual may be stunted, deformed, and absolutely rendered null and void, might be proven by many thousand instances; but the reader is simply referred to his own observation.

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MIDDLESEX JOURNAL, SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1861.

THE CHEMISTRY OF MEDICINE.—Among the special delights which have richly rewarded our visit to New England, was the inspection of the celebrated laboratory of Dr. C. Ayer & Co.'s Laboratory at Lowell. Although we knew by hear-say, that it was large, yet were we surprised when we came into view of its real magnitude, and still more by the extent and complication of its truly immense business. The whole massive structure is in fact one vast chemical laboratory, in which the processes of this wonderful art are carried on in the purest and most scientific manner. The Medico-chemical science has found that the numerous properties of any substance exist in some one or more of its component parts. Thus the remedial effects of opium are due solely to the morphia it contains, although this is but one eighteenth part of its weight; the other seventeen parts are gums extractive, an inert or offensive matter. Dr. Ayer's system separates the medical properties of each substance employed and carries on the processes by which the virtues of each are developed. The results are, through the alembics until they come out completely pure at last. These concentrated, purified medical properties, or virtues are finally combined together to produce the remedies which have made themselves a reputation for unrivaled excellence, all over the world. Not only does the Doctor disdain all specialty in his art and explain every process and every particular, but he maintains that it is only by the power of the physician can he be supplied with the best possible remedies for the treatment of disease. The post-mails by which his remedies are made are published in the medical Journals and have been presented to a large part of the medical Faculty of the United States, and are constantly sent by mail to such physicians as apply for them. *Daily Chronicle, San Francisco.*

Special Notices.

A CARD.

The officers and members of Niagara Engine Co. No. 1, take this method of returning their thanks to Friends No. 1, of Winchester, for the bountiful supply of refreshments furnished them after the fire last evening. Also to the volunteers who rendered such valuable assistance.

Per order of the Company,
JOHN GILCREAST, Foreman,
JOHN L. PARKER, Clerk.
Woburn, May 18, 1861.

Stonham Cemetery.

The Lindenwood Cemetery will be consecrated WEDNESDAY, MAY 22d, at 2 o'clock, P.M., with appropriate ceremonies.

Immediately after the services there will be a sale of the lots.

GEORGE DIXE, LUTHER HILL,
BETHEN LUCAS, JR., J. P. GOULD,
AMASA FARIBEE, Committee.

Stonham, May 15th, 1861.

To Consumers.

The Advertiser, having been restored to health in a few weeks by a very simple remedy, after having suffered several years with a severing affection and a chronic consumption—was anxious to make known to his fellow-subscribers the name of the man who, after a long and painful search, had found the true cause of his trouble, and the remedy for preparing and using the same, which they will find in a future issue of *Consumption, Asthma, & Cough*, now in the press. Persons desirous of sending the Prescription is to benefit the afflicted, and spread information which he believes to be invaluable, are invited to forward it, and try his remedy, as it will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing.

Persons sending the prescription, will please address Rev. EDWARD A. WILSON,
Williamsburg,
Kings County, New York

Died.

KNIGHT—In Woburn May 11th, Mrs. Sevina R. Knight, aged 29 years and 5 months.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
MIDDLESEX, 8.

To the Heirs at Law and others interested in the estate of NANCY REED, late wife of the deceased, in said County, and in the Commonwealth.

WILLIEAS A certain instrument produced by the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented for Probate by Edward Seward, the Executor thereto named. They are hereby directed to file the same in Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the Second Tuesday of June next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and to give notice of the same, why the said should not be proved and allowed.

And the said Seward is ordered to serve the notice of filing the same, with the directions for preparing and using the same, which they will find in a future issue of *Consumption, Asthma, & Cough*, now in the press. Persons desirous of sending the Prescription is to benefit the afflicted, and spread information which he believes to be invaluable, are invited to forward it, and try his remedy, as it will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing.

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NOTICE.

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MOBILE GRANITE MONUMENTS made at short notice. Every description of SOAP STONE and GRANITE WORK furnished to order.

DONATION BOXES for Cemetery lots put up in the neatest manner.

R. RICKERING, J. F. RICKERING, Jr.,
Woburn, Nov. 17, 1860.

ONE GOOD ACT

THE PRESIDENT has set his signature to the new Tariff Bill. By this means I have made my list of prices for

CARPETINGS

FOR MY SPRING SALES AS FOLLOWS

100 Rolls Uniform Carpets, at 25 cents per yard.

50 Rolls Cotton and Wool Carpets at 37 cents per yard.

40 Rolls Common Carpets at 45 cents per yard.

350 Rolls Extra Fine Carpets at 50 cents per yard.

450 Rolls Extra Super Carpets at 62 cents per yard.

100 Rolls English Turkey Carpets at 90 cents per yard.

750 Rolls Painted Carpets from 30 to 50 cents per yard.

100 State Carpets from 12 cents to \$1 per yard.

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Miscellaneous.

Volunteered.

I know the sun shines, and the *Wise* are blowing,
And Summer sends kisses by beautiful May—
Oh! to see all the treasures the Spring is bestowing,
And think—my boy Willie enlisted to-day!

It seems but a day since at twilight, low hammering,
I took him to sleep with his cheek upon mine,
Willie Robbie, the four-year old, watched for the
"gum-gee."

Of Father, alone the street's silent hue.

It is many a year since my Harry departed,
To come back no more in the twilight or dawn;
Aid Robby grew weary of watching, and started
Alone, on the journey his father had gone.

It is many a year—and this afternoon sitting
At Robby's old window, I heard the band play,
And suddenly ceased dreaming over my knitting
"To recollect Willie is twenty to-day!"

And that, standing beside him this soft May-day
morning,

The sun making gold of his wreathed elg' smoke

I saw in my sweet *gum-gee* lips a faint warning,

And choked down the tears when he eagerly
spoke:

Dear mother, you know how those traitors are
growing.

They trample the folds of our flag in the dust;

The boys are all fire; and wish I were going—"

He stopped, but his eyes said, "Oh say it if must!"

I smiled on the boy though my heart it seemed
breaking:

My eyes filled with tears, so I turned them away,

And answered him, "Willie, 'tis well you are weak—

Go set as your father would bid you, to day!"

I sit in the window and see the flags flying,
And dreamly list to the roll of the drum,

And smother the pain in my heart that is lying,

And bid all the fears in my bosom be dumb.

I shall sit in the window when Summer is lying
Out over the fields, and the honey bees hum,

Lulls the soul at the porch from her tremulous
sighing;

And watch for the face of my darling to come.

And if he should fall... his young life he will give

For Freedom's sweet sake... and for me, I will
pray

Once more with my Harry and Robby in heaven
To meet the dear boy that enlisted to-day.

—*George W. Weekly.*

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up the business of manufacturing suspenders, that he would use a room in the house for that purpose. That the good people of seafarers had strange thoughts about the matter, and as no one wished to interfere they looked upon Harlow and Juliette as a wonderful couple, and told me to find out if possible before I should leave the cause of their trouble. I as my brother would do, went about the work. I first learned that a man and his wife, and two maiden sisters, were at work with Juliette; that the man was very rich, as was his two sisters, and that they had found Harlow to be a good fellow, and that Juliette's religious notions kept all hands from enjoying themselves as they would, if she would become a convert to their faith. They were it seems followers of that old, notorious Matthias, who with his big gold "Key of Heaven," as he called it, flourished in New York some years ago. All who remember him will remember he taught that where all were agreed, all were as one family; where there was natural feelings no sin could abound. In short I saw at once the case; saw where the shoe pinched, and went to a friend, who said he was always conscious of the wrong Juliette was suffering, and he being a lawyer, I left the case with him.

Harlow took his family (and I advised Juliette to follow him) and went about four miles out upon "Thatcher's Plains." In a month I found all the neighbors there loved Harlow; but all, except one or two intelligent persons, kept up a loud talk about Mrs. Harlow. The help spoke against her—old women who had been in the family for years talked loudly of her being cross and did not like her at all. She was crazy, made herself crazy, and oh they pitied poor Harlow.

Put the scene changes. My friend, the lawyer, found that Harlow lived in a double house; that a family of good character and friends to Juliette, lived in the one part with Harlow. The celars were, as well as the house, all separate—save a little door Mrs. Leeds, the lady of the house, had cut through the partition that she could visit Juliette without going round the house upon the street. Of this door, my friend, the lawyer, availed himself, and could go from celar to celar, and hear all that was done or said in Juliette's kitchen, sitting-room and Haylow's shop. Secrecy being entered into with Mrs. Leeds, the lawyer, taking a friend, went for two days and nights to the celar, remaining all through the day and until the families retired at night. So the truth of the trouble was soon set right. Each day the rich man, his sisters and wife, would ride out upon the plains. Each one in turn would take my sister and lecture her upon the importance of receiving their new ideas of religious faith, and getting a partial promise that she would give away and with them share their wealth; share their home and be free and untrammelled by sectarian influences. He owned a little part of village which was called "Love Lake," where they were to remain to enjoy life and be free from poverty and care. Such was the female's talk; but when the man talked with Juliette, it was of a different turn, altogether; it was of his undying affection, his regard for her and her children, his more than fatherly love for her. But soon the lawyer found out the affection was not returned, and Juliette would only sit mute and if she answered at all it only caused the man to act the more earnest in his treatises. If my sister used the visitors well and appeared happy, Harlow would come in from the shop and caress her and act overjoyed himself. But if she let the visitors depart with the assurance that she still retained her old notions of matters and things, then Harlow would commence and carouse with the girls in his shop, and the house would ring with revelry. He would hoot after his wife, whistle to her as she went from room to room, —get to dancing with the girls, and get the hair dye and set the girls to work over his beard,—get cake and milk, have a lunch, and everything which tend to make a wife and mother feel indignant. The lawyer told me he had to bite his lips with rage, and, unless he had left the celar, he should have gone up into Harlow's shop and had a struggle with him. This was enough. Harlow was soon waited upon, and after the lawyer and his witness to the confusion had told their tale, I took him in hand, and let me say to all who listen to such scoundrels, that if you desire to be deluded scoundrels, you will find such to be deliberate scoundrels.

Juliette is now in the same old church with myself, at L., and as she was ever was, from a child, devout, childlike, and truly good. I put Harlow on board a ship I was sending

out to the west coast of Africa, and I think his lame shoulder did not interfere with his working the ropes.

Now I am an old man, and have had much experience, let me tell you, reader, where a man or woman holds on to God and right, all will be well; and when a man talks about a woman that is always at war at home, turn from him and know that "there is something rotten in Denmark." Spurn him when he whines about home cares and trials; put him into the service of his country; ship him; do something with him and give his wife a chance to breath free one year before she dies. I never saw a woman more happy than the one I have described, when she was free; and when Harlow returned—old Matthias' doctrine by that time had been sunk to the sea—he embraced his early faith, and lived a good man with his family.

WHAT THE BOYS SAY THEY CAN DO.—We

aren't very big, and can't do much against the enemy abroad, but we can worry 'em dreadfully at home, if we find any. We can keep 'em awake nights, we can put dead cats in their front yards, we can ring their door bells, we can throw mud on their windows, we can laub their paint, we can send all the hand organs to play round their houses, we can tell folks they have got the small pox, and make up faces at their babies if they look out doors.

A lawyer built him an office in the form of a hexagon, or six square. The novelty of the structure attracted the attention of some Irishmen who were passing by: they made a full stop and viewed critically. The lawyer, somewhat disgusted at their curiosity, lifted up the window, put his head out and addressed them: "What do you stand there gazing at my office for? do you think it is a church?" "Faix," answered one of them, "I was thinking so, till I saw the devil poke his head out of the windy!"

WHAT IS A PHENOMENON.—A Scotch lecturer undertook to explain to a village audience the word phenomenon. "Maybe, ma frens, ye dinna ken what a phenomenon may be. Well, then, tell 'em all ye've seen a coo (cow), nae doot. Weel, a coo's nae phenomenon. Ye've a, seen an apple-tree. Well, an apple-tree's nae a phenomenon. Price one dollar per bottle. Sent by mail, on receipt of price and 24 cents for postage.

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Missionary while traveling in Arabia.

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"Old Hundred."

O Lord of Hosts! Almighty King!
Behold the sacrifice we bring!
To every arm Thy strength impart,
Thy spirit shed through every heart!

Wake in our breasts the living fires,
The holy faith that warmed our sires;
The hand that made our Nation free;
To die for her is serving Thee!

Be Thou a pillar firm to show
The midnight snare, the silent foe;
And when the battle thunders loud,
Still guide us in its moving cloud.

God of all Nations! Sovereign Lord!

In Thy dread name we draw the sword,
We lift the starry flag on high

That fills with light our stormy sky.

From treason's rent, from murder's stain
Guard Theu its folds till Peace shall reign—

Till fort and field, till shore and sea
Join our loud anthem. Praise to THEE.

—*Atlantic Monthly.*

Select Literature.

WINIFRED NOWELL.

A Story of the Puritans.

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It was near ten o'clock at night when they began to ascend a wooded hill, that stretched away and up till it seemed to be pinned to the clouds. The long branches met overhead, and out of the depths of the gloom and silence came the occasional cry of strange birds and wild animals.

The moon was full and cloudless, and patches of light and shadows alternated as the branches swayed, or the road wound from wood to more open spaces.

As they travelled slowly along, Aunt Polly had been so full of life during the early part of the journey, began to talk fitfully and absently, till, finally, the reins dropping in her lap, she sat quite still, and apparently forgot of everything about her.

Winifred quietly took up the reins, and, forbearing to disturb her by word or observation, they pursued their way, for some time in absolute silence.

As they approached the summit of the hill, the woods became thin, and, sparkling in the shining fall of the moonlight, appeared the gray stone wall of a meeting house, and a little further on, cross-roads and a guide-board. The horse, that till now had guided himself straight forward, drew resolutely aside, and close against the rough stone fence beside the meeting-house, stood stock still, and looked backward almost intelligently.

"There under that hemlock," said Aunt Polly, rousing herself, and brushing her hand across her eyes, "is where your Uncle John is buried."

The horse had simply stopped where he was used to stop, beside the burial-ground.

As they looked, a wild bird fluttered up from among the leaves of the hemlock to the topmost twig, and, in the clear moonlight, set up a loud, cheerful song.

"Are you not of more value than many sparrows?" Aunt Polly said, cheerfully, and taking the reins again, she kept softly along the way-side grass till the burial-ground was passed, when turning into the wide and travelled track they rattled along in quite lively style. Across a short level, down a hollow, and over a one arched bridge they went, then they ascended another long hill, and the shining of a dozen lights, a mile distant, came in view.

"Is that a light moving among the trees, at the right hand, and seemingly coming toward us?" asked Winifred; and before Aunt Polly had time to answer, a gate at the roadside was open, and a hearty, good-humored voice called out: "So ho! home at last!"

"Who is that?" asked Winifred, speaking in a very earnest undertone, for Aunt Polly had never once mentioned that any one lived with her; and instead, of replying to her question now, she responded to the exclamation of the young man with,

"Why, Len, is that really you? How in the world did you happen to be looking for me at this time o' night?"

He replied with some gay jest, but the next moment added, more seriously, "Truth is, I was in bed, but, hearing the little wagon (I know the sound of it) come over the bridge some fifteen minutes ago, I got up."

Winifred seemed not to stir a hand's breadth after her hurried interrogation, but kept her eyes fixed upon the young man called "Len," with a straight, stony stare.

Meantime, as Aunt Polly asked a dozen questions, without waiting for a single reply, the horse walked carefully through the gate, and down a dusty path between grassy borders, for, perhaps, some fifty yards, to the sonorous "Whoa!" of "Len," who was walking close at hand, he stood still.

Winifred now became aware of the small, rude, but still comfortably-appearing house in the shadow of which they were standing. From the side-porch, came forth, a great, spotted dog, barking, leaping, and biting, the young man against the shoulder of "Len," who answered his caress by patting his ears and coaxingly repeating his pet name.

"You good-for-nothing calf, you!" cried his mistress, as if it were easier to say call than dog. "I do believe you have run right through my morning-glory vines!" and stooping, she boxed his big ears so softly that the reproof was taken for a care. And away she hurried toward the porch, along which, from ground to roof, hundreds of strings were stretched, around which, the young morning-glories were expected hereafter to climb.

From their root, in the trees, the hens made a stir and cackle; and the pigs around themselves, climbed up the sides of their sty, and looked out; and the tired horse neighed, and shaking loose his harness, twisted his neck against the shoulder of "Len," who answered his caress by patting his ears and coaxingly repeating his pet name.

Meantime, Aunt Polly, who, doubtless, had her own private reasons for so hurrying away to inspect the morning-glory vines, re-

turned, and taking "Len's" shoulders, shook him by the whole person, finding it quite impossible to express her emotion in the customary method.

"Bless your heart," she cried, between laughing and crying, "I don't believe you are a bit glad to see me!"

"Glad?" he replied, putting as much impetuous pleasure in the little word as some men could have got into the whole dictionary. "Well, I should rather think I was glad! Why, I've been as lonesome as the man in the moon. What, in the name of the old May Flower, kept you so long in the town of Boston?"

"Why, you see," replied Aunt Polly, lowering her tone and speaking confidentially, "I found her right sick—much more so than we thought—and I waited and waited for—"

"For her to die," joined in Lem, "or would she not be sufficiently obliging? If you had told her how forlorn and wretched I was without you, I think she would have been more accommodating."

"Why, Lem, how do you go on?" said Aunt Polly, turning to help Winifred out of the wagon, for she had not yet moved a jot.

"What have you got there, good Mistress Davis? anything about which I can be of service?"

And Lem peered curiously over Aunt Polly's shoulder, as if for the first time aware of another person's proximity.

"What have I got here? why my niece, to be sure, who thought it better to get well and come home with me, than take the journey you recommend. Come, dear, give me your hand."

"Good mistress, allow me," interposed Lem; and putting Aunt Polly aside, he offered his assistance.

Winifred was probably a little bewildered, and at the same time too intent upon the young man called Lem, to make sure of his footing—at any rate, she slipped and fell to the ground.

"Oh, mercy! are you hurt?" cried Aunt Polly, in great alarm.

The big dog sprang forward with a growl,

"Down, Cropear!" cried the young man; and pushing dog and mistress both aside, he lifted Winifred in his arms, ran with her down the walk, and seated her in the arm chair before the kitchen fire, where he left her, scarcely, in her surprise and terror, knowing whether to laugh or cry.

The wagon had stopped in the shadow of some trees, which prevented her from fairly seeing the face of the young man which was, in the first place, partly hidden under the broad brim of a straw hat, so that he was by no means sure, save from an instinctive apprehension, that she did not see him for the first time.

"My poor child!" cried Aunt Polly, hating in, out of breath. "Are you killed? Can you walk? O dear, O dear!"

A gay laugh was the first response; and having thus given expression, in some sort, to her confused feelings of shame, wonder, and delight, Winifred replied: "I don't know whether or not I can walk—that strange knight-errant of yours did not allow me to do it."

"The other house!" interrogated Winifred, "where is that?"

"Just across the hill;" and Aunt Polly fell to making the tea, after which she went to the door and called to Lemuel, sharply accenting the last syllable of his name, and drawing it out a long way. No answer being returned, she said, with a sigh, she supposed he had gone home. So the two women sat down to supper alone, and artfully, or artlessly, Aunt Polly led the conversation persistently away from the subject of Winifred's thoughts, and she was forced at last to go to bed, without having received any satisfaction.

She was tired, and the bed soft and dainty as it could be; yet it was a long time before sleep would come to her—she was so far from Aunt Dorcas, she said to herself—so far from Benjamin; but her heart was not much deceived, and, in spite of her attempts to banish him from her thoughts, the face of Lemuel smiled upon her all the time. He had seemed so handsome! but that might be owing to the effect of the moonlight, and the very imperfect view she had had of him: perhaps sunshine would dispel the illusion. Of course he was married—how else could he have a home? She hoped indeed he was—it would be as painful, under the circumstances, to have any revival of old sentiments. And having thus quieted her conscience, she would return with an exquisite sense of pleasure to the memory of her fall, and the mingled audacity and tenderness with which he had taken her in his arms, and carried her into the house. Then she would fall to wondering whether he were indeed married, and when she should see him again, and under what circumstances; and it would appear quite possible that she might never see him, notwithstanding the probabilities were again to such a conclusion.

The quick steps of Aunt Polly were going up and down the porch when she awoke, the chickens were noisy below her window, and the birds making merry in the trees.

She blushed and trembled when she remembered that her dream had been of Lemuel: how it came about she could not remember, but he had been carrying her in his arms all night.

She opened the window, and looked out almost timidly, half-expecting to see him. But no; she saw only the dewy grass, from which the mist was rising; a few cattle and sheep penned near a hay-stack, and beyond, the heavily-wooded hills.

The breakfast neither brought him nor any allusion to him; and, after the morning work was concluded, Aunt Polly brought forth some sewing-work, which she gave to Winifred, saying: "It will keep you busy while I am in the garden, where I am going for a while."

Winifred preferred to go with her, but, remembering that Lemuel was to be there, she resolved on the sewing, but was careful to seat herself by the window overlooking the garden. She had not been there many minutes when he passed by, but without any recognition of her—apparently without seeing her. Her heart fell to beating with strange and sudden violence; it had not deceived her at first;—Aunt Polly's hired man was no other than Lemuel Coleburn.

"Excellent well," he replied, tossing his straw hat over his hand with gay good humor; "and my conduct, personally, has been exemplary in the highest degree. I doubt, indeed, if the most rigid Puritan could find anything in it worth of stripes, and it requires but a small offence to incur that light penalty."

Aunt Polly sighed, and replied, gravely, that she wished he was good enough to be a Puritan.

"But I am not!" he rejoined, with mock-

ing seriousness; "they are much too good for me."

Still Winifred did not glance toward him, but she believed, in her heart, that he was no other than Lemuel Coleburn, that he recognized her, and that his satirical allusion to the Puritans had special significance. Under pretence of drowsiness, she buried her face in her arms, and fell into a mood half-pertinent and half-pouting.

"Give old sorrel an extra portion of water," called Aunt Polly after Lemuel, who had turned away from the door.

CHAPTER FOURTH.

"I am sorry, Mistress Davis, to slight your orders, but really on this occasion, I shall be obliged to do so," he answered.

"What, sir, do you mean to say my horse can't have as much water as he wants?"

"Precisely that, mistress. You must permit me to judge of my own affairs."

"Water won't hurt him," reiterated Aunt Polly, with true womanish pertinacity; "and you will either give him all he wants, or dispense me."

"I regret to displease you, but there are certain points beyond which even a woman's will has no power over me;" and he proved his assertion by withdrawing before there was time to reply.

"I might just as well never speak a word to that fellow," said Aunt Polly firmly; "he never regards what I say, if it happens to contradict his notions."

"A provoking fellow, I should think," said Winifred. "Why do you employ him?"

"Now, if I could get such a young man as Benjamin, who hasn't any will of his own," Aunt Polly went on; "but I don't know where he is to be found."

"No, Mistress Davis, think you," he replied, "I am expected at home?" and, with his hand in his coat and coat-swing over his arm, he again passed by where Winifred sat, and went, whistling, out of sight, while the tears forced themselves through the fingers pressed against her eyes.

"Still thinking of Benjamin!" exclaimed Aunt Polly, and, turning away, she washed her hands in the wooden bowl that was kept on the head of the meal barrel beside the door, and afterward complacently poured the water along the bed of morning-glory vines at the porch-side.

Sometimes she almost resolved to run into the garden, and accost him with all the cordiality she felt; then, abashed at herself, she would fall back on her pride, and strive with all her energy to appear as indifferent as he.

The sun at length straightened up the shadows, and Aunt Polly, coming to the door with her hands stiffened with moist earth, turned round and asked Lemuel if he would not come in and rest a little while.

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Nearly a week went by, during which Lemuel did not appear, and no mention was made of him. Then came a long letter from Benjamin, over which Winifred shed some tears—tears which, doubtless, were ready to flow at any rate.

"I suppose, now," said Aunt Polly, with a merry twinkle about her mouth, "you will say that you are ready to go home and be married at once? Well, I guess Lem will be going to visit his sweetheart pretty soon, and you can send your letter by him."

"I thought you said he was married!" exclaimed Winifred, querulously; "it seems to me you make a great mystery about him."

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It happened that Winifred did not immediately reply to the letter, as she first did at first posted, when she did write, it was rather an evasion than an answer. She enlarged upon the pleasant journey she had had with Aunt Polly, lingered over the beauty of the landscape, and dilated with much humor on the curious costume—half English, half Indian—of two squaws they happened to meet. She sent many loving messages to Aunt Dorcas, who, she hoped, remembered her in her prayers; begged that Benjamin would write often, and impart to her such things as seemed wise and convenient. He must not expect an equivalent for his letters, in hers, inasmuch as she was limited in her acquaintances, and opportunities of observation; and she concluded by saying that she was pretty well contented, and daily improving in health.

One of the brightest of bright days had brought the sun to the western slope, as, with the letter in her hand, she set out to the neighboring village, from which there was occasional communication with Boston. The path across the meadow was pleasant, and would not lead her much out of the way, and she took it.

Having reached the summit of the slope, she saw on the next hill a small house, constructed of logs, and closely neighbors by pens for pigs and sheep. A patch of corn and some bean vines ran up almost to the very door, beside which a woman, with two or three small children playing in the dirt close by, stood to wash the tub.

Her attention was so completely absorbed by the reflection that it was perhaps, after all, Lemuel's wife whom she saw before her, as to prevent her hearing the footstep that approached from behind, until it brushed the stubble almost at her elbow, and, turning round, she stood face to face with Lemuel himself. He held one hand within the other, and through the fingers of both the blood was profusely streaming.

"Oh! what has happened?" she cried, the momentary flush of her cheek giving place to an expression of terror.

"It is nothing," he answered, composedly; "I was cutting briars yonder, when a slip of the knife gave me a slight wound in the left hand;" and—a significant smile playing over his face—he added: "I have suffered a much more serious wound, Miss Nowell."

As he spoke, he attempted to stanch the blood with his handkerchief. Winifred immediately assisted, offering her own handkerchief, which was so thin and small as to be of little use, betraying meaning, a tender solicitude than she was aware of.

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WOBURN, SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1861

The publication of the correspondence between Gen. Butler and Gov. Andrew in relation to the offer made to Maryland by the former—at a time when that State was hostile to the Government—to quell any slave insurrections which might occur within her precincts, elicited considerable feeling and free expression of opinion both from the press and the public. It is doubtless a mystery to our people why their troops, who were sent to defend the nation's capital, should be placed in a position to crush out slave insurrections in a State which did all that was within its power to prevent the passage of these same troops through her territory. As Gov. Andrew intimated, such an offer depended wholly upon the relations which the community to which it was tendered, held toward the national Government. If a people are loyal to the Union, they should be upheld and protected in the enjoyment of all their constitutional rights against every foe, either domestic or foreign. But on the other hand, if a community has done and is doing everything it could to thwart the designs of Government, it should be compelled to defend itself both internally and externally against all enemies. It is not policy, nor yet is it just, in every instance to tickle the hand that smites you. We do not think that it was altogether judicious for Gen. Butler to offer his services, and that of the troops under him, to quell slave insurrections in a State which was at the time opposed to the government, and which only changed her position when compelled to at the point of the bayonet, and not from any conscientious scruples which she held. We believe that a majority of the people of Maryland do, to-day, as heartily detest the Government as they did six weeks ago, and that nothing but the glitter of steel and smell of gunpowder keeps them in subjection. This we believe would be demonstrated if this awe-inspiring and peace-making element was removed, and will be if ever a rebel force enters her borders, and gives her people an opportunity to act and do as they please. And under these circumstances, and at the time above mentioned, the question would naturally arise in the minds of our citizens whether or not Gen. Butler was justified in offering his services for the purposes before stated. We think he was a little hasty, as a few hours delay would have made this act more acceptable to the people of Massachusetts, and set it in the true light which he, doubtless, intended it should assume—that of fostering a union feeling. We do not suppose that this single act of the General's would have attracted so much attention, had it not been for the probability that a similar act might occur again, and that the people wished to have their sentiments known upon the subject. The people of Massachusetts do not wish to become the instruments through which the chains of the negro are to be tightened, so long as they can earn their bread honestly and manfully in the sight of heaven and of the world. The old puritan love of freedom still burns in their veins, and they are as ready to-day to unloose the manacles of the bondsmen as their fathers were in times gone by. No matter how low they may sink party jealousies in the present crisis; their detestation of human slavery will remain unabated. Their love of freedom is born and bred in them, and they might as well try to throw off their very nature as to try to free themselves from its control. It will show itself on all and every suitable occasion, whether it be for the benefit of the white or black race—at home or abroad. They fought against the cause which has brought about the present troubles, and which has proved the ruin both financially and morally of every nation that has in the world's history been saddled with its possession, with a pertinacity that has proved the honesty of their intentions and the goodwill which they hold toward all whose birthright has been stolen by the remorseless hands of their fellow creatures. And in doing this, they have been subject to gibes and sneers from all quarters. They have been told by many that they worshipped at the shrine of a negro, and sought to place the black man on a level with the white man, and take to their bosoms and homes those who were only fit to wallow in the mire and drudge along through a lifetime to the monotony of the plantation whip and curses of inhuman overseers. But amidst all this they felt that their cause was just and sacred before heaven, and that the day would come when men's eyes would be opened, and the film which prevented them from seeing things as they actually were, be removed. They knew that those souls which live within a black skin were capable of expansion, and would some day be freed, even if it was not until the gates of death had been reached; and that all they needed to make them intelligent and capable beings in this world was the benign influence which freedom would shed upon them in their infancy; for as the "twigs are bent the tree's inclined." If a band of white children were taken in their infancy and placed upon a Southern plantation, and treated precisely as the black children are, would they not be just as rude and uncouth in their manners, and as unintelligent when they reached maturity, as the slaves are? Illustrations of this we can see in our midst every day, in the child that is brought up by Christian parents and made to tread the proper paths of life, and he who has his own way

and whose passions are allowed to run rampant for the want of parental solicitude.

It has become the settled opinion of the people of the North, that the root of our grievance must be dug out and be destroyed now. It is useless to hug longer to our breast the serpent that stings us, and which is poisoning our vitality more and more every day we harbor it. Now or never is the time to burst from its slimy folds and proclaim ourselves to the world a nation of freedom without a blemish. We hope the time is not far distant, when the striking of the midnight hour, as was the case in the British West Indies, will proclaim to millions of Africa's slaves in this land, the dawning day of their emancipation. Then, and not till then, will our glorious Declaration of Independence be true to the very letter,—"All men are born free and equal."

SAD AND AFFLICTING DEATH.—That grim messenger, which sooner or later knocks at all our doors, during the present week, entered the dwelling of one of our citizens, and snatched therefrom one of its brightest and purest lights. On Tuesday forenoon, Eliza S., youngest daughter of Mr. George W. Reed, was in her usual health and spirits. During the evening she awoke hourly of some aches and at 11 o'clock, was seized with vomiting, and showed evident signs of being severely ill. Physicians were soon in attendance, and everything that human aid could do was done, but of no avail. She rallied during Wednesday for a short time, but soon relapsed, and died that night. Thus suddenly did the smiling countenance of that little one change from the light of life into the rigid and pallid features of the sleep that knows no waking. She was a child whom none knew but to love; her simplicity drew all hearts in endeavoring and binding affection toward her. The great loss which her parents have to endure no one can tell, and the depth of their grief no one can fathom. She was the fourth child whose death they have been called upon to mourn, and her demise came upon them when everything looked auspicious and bright for the future, and when they had felt assured that she would be the support of their declining years and that her hand would gently lead them down to the portals of everlasting life. But, alas, their fondly cherished hopes are blighted, and they have become poor indeed, for they have lost that which riches cannot restore, or earth give back. Yet as they travel o'er the weary highway of earth, little angel hands will beckon them upward and onward to the Christian goal, "where the wicked cease to troubling and the weary are at rest."

For none return from those quiet shores, Who cross the boatman cold and pale; We hear the dip of the golden oars; And catch a gleam of the snowy sail;

And lo! they have passed from our yearning hearts;

They cross the stream and are gone for aye.

We hear the faint hoots from our distant shores,

We only know that their backs no more.

May sail with us o'er life's stormy sea;

Yet somewhere I know on the unseen shore,

They watch, and beckon, and wait for me."

The funeral was attended yesterday afternoon at the Baptist Church, by a large course of sympathizing friends. The children of the Grammar School, of which she was a member, were in attendance, and the occasion was one that will not soon be effaced from the memory of even the youngest child present. The following is the address delivered by Rev. Mr. Bronson:—

Familiar as we think ourselves with death we are always surprised by its coming, especially if it be sudden.

During the present week the funeral procession has thrice passed at this sanctuary, and the last has been the longest, having passed the bound of three score years and ten. Next we offered prayers and sang funeral hymns over the wasted form of one who had entered upon middle life. And now the tolling bell announces our progress as we bear to the tomb the lifeless form of one who was passing through the upper stage of rejoicing life.

The lateness of the hour, the time needed for the preparation of the dead, and the slow march to the body's sleeping place, forbade extended remarks. Besides, if there were time, many words would be superfluous and my own feeling of surprise and bereavement would prevent full utterance.

No words can be so affecting as the simple statement that our young friend, Eliza Reed is dead! The lively, lively child, the pleasant schoolmate, the attentive, earnest Sabbath scholar, the daughter loving and beloved, has left the place in the day school, in the Sabbath school, and in her father's house, to return no more! This vast audience cannot all be drawn together as at the funeral. She has left her dearest friends without bidding them adieu. Her soul has quit the mortal habitation and "returned to God who gave it." We must give up her companionship; we must no more see her enlivening smile and bounding foot, nor the tones that sounded sweet and clear as a bugle on the morning air. We must give up all but our love for her and her love for us; all but the lessons of joy and wisdom taught in her short life and her sudden death. The best part of all and the largest part is yet left us.

It is reported that the Confederate troops at the approach of the government forces, if this is true, who has become of Old Virginia's courage! Jefferson Davis and Beauregard, are to be on their way to Virginia with 10,000 troops. The transactions of the next few days will be looked forward to with the greatest anxiety. As far as known no Massachusetts troops were engaged in the capture of Alexandria.

Distr.—Where is the water cart that was efficacious last year in allying the dust in our streets? From appearance of things we think it is about time for it to begin its daily rounds.

The ladies of Woburn will find some neat patriotic envelopes, suited to them, at the Woburn Bookstore.

For the Middlesex Journal.

Mr. EDITOR.—Last fall I called the attention of the town to the dilapidated appearance of that part of our Cemetery fronting on Salem street. At that time it was somewhat in keeping with the season, but now when everything is putting on a new dress and appearing fair and beautiful to the eye, it is sadly unsightly.

We want a new fence, together with a renovation of the grounds in the part mentioned. Any person who attended the Consecration of the Stonham Cemetery, on Wednesday, and wended their way homeward by Salem street, could not but be struck with the very great contrast between our burial place and that of Stonham. Of course the latter is new, but still, that is no reason why ours should not be able to bear comparison to some extent. I think, while all who own lots are striving to make them beautiful and appropriate, the town should take care of their part and at once remove everything that mars its appearance.

Let Sabbath School teachers be invited to more fervent prayer and more direct efforts that the children under their care may, like the soldiers all around, be prepared to go forth at a moment's notice.

Let me enjoy upon the young friends of the deceased that it is not enough that their heads

be bowed in sorrow and their voices choked with tears. Remember all that was amiable in her character and commendable in her deportment, and if possible excel her in all. Thus will you best praise her. While I would not, because she is gone, say anything extravagant respecting her, it is doubtless true that there are few if any children of her age who would be more missed than she will be. Now, while all who knew her are mourning her loss, it has suddenly ended in the cold, dark winter of the grave, you should carefully enquire what it was that made her a general favorite and that causes so much sorrow in her removal?

Had she been only intelligent, active, musical, without being affectionate, obedient, obliging and serious respecting religious things, we would all have felt as now? It would have been impossible.

It is a remarkable fact that our large High School this morning has new experience. The Principal informs me that since his connection with the school no other member has died. By reason of this event we hope that you will be more than ever mindful of the transcendent importance of moral and religious character of the great affairs of the world to come.

One week from this day you have your annual floral holiday. How will you spend it? I hope that you will go to the High School and snatched therefrom one of its brightest and purest lights. On Tuesday forenoon, Eliza S., youngest daughter of Mr. George W. Reed, was in her usual health and spirits.

SAD AND AFFLICTING DEATH.—That grim messenger, which sooner or later knocks at all our doors, during the present week, entered the dwelling of one of our citizens, and snatched therefrom one of its brightest and purest lights. On Tuesday forenoon, Eliza S., youngest daughter of Mr. George W. Reed, was in her usual health and spirits.

During the evening she awoke hourly of some aches and at 11 o'clock, was seized with vomiting, and showed evident signs of being severely ill.

Physicians were soon in attendance, and everything that human aid could do was done, but of no avail.

She rallied during Wednesday for a short time, but soon relapsed, and died that night.

Thus suddenly did the smiling countenance of that little one change from the light of life into the rigid and pallid features of the sleep that knows no waking.

She was a child whom none knew but to love; her simplicity drew all hearts in endeavoring and binding affection toward her.

The great loss which her parents have to endure no one can tell, and the depth of their grief no one can fathom.

She was the fourth child whose death they have been called upon to mourn, and her demise came upon them when everything looked auspicious and bright for the future, and when they had felt assured that she would be the support of their declining years and that her hand would gently lead them down to the portals of everlasting life.

But, alas, their fondly cherished hopes are blighted, and they have become poor indeed, for they have lost that which riches cannot restore, or earth give back.

Yet as they travel o'er the weary highway of earth, little angel hands will beckon them upward and onward to the Christian goal, "where the wicked cease to troubling and the weary are at rest."

For none return from those quiet shores, Who cross the boatman cold and pale;

We hear the dip of the golden oars;

And catch a gleam of the snowy sail;

And lo! they have passed from our yearning hearts;

They cross the stream and are gone for aye.

We hear the faint hoots from our distant shores,

We only know that their backs no more.

May sail with us o'er life's stormy sea;

Yet somewhere I know on the unseen shore,

They watch, and beckon, and wait for me."

The funeral was attended yesterday afternoon at the Baptist Church, by a large course of sympathizing friends. The children of the Grammar School, of which she was a member, were in attendance, and the occasion was one that will not soon be effaced from the memory of even the youngest child present. The following is the address delivered by Rev. Mr. Bronson:—

Familiar as we think ourselves with death we are always surprised by its coming, especially if it be sudden.

During the present week the funeral procession has thrice passed at this sanctuary,

and the last has been the longest, having passed the bound of three score years and ten.

Next we offered prayers and sang funeral hymns over the wasted form of one who had entered upon middle life.

And now the tolling bell announces our progress as we bear to the tomb the lifeless form of one who was passing through the upper stage of rejoicing life.

The lateness of the hour, the time needed for the preparation of the dead, and the slow march to the body's sleeping place, forbade extended remarks.

Besides, if there were time, many words would be superfluous and my own feeling of surprise and bereavement would prevent full utterance.

No words can be so affecting as the simple statement that our young friend, Eliza Reed is dead!

The lively, lively child, the pleasant schoolmate, the attentive, earnest Sabbath scholar, the daughter loving and beloved, has left the place in the day school, in the Sabbath school, and in her father's house, to return no more!

This vast audience cannot all be drawn together as at the funeral.

She has left her dearest friends without bidding them adieu.

Her soul has quit the mortal habitation and "returned to God who gave it."

We must give up her companionship; we must no more see her enlivening smile and bounding foot,

nor the tones that sounded sweet and clear as a bugle on the morning air.

We must give up all but our love for her; all but our love for her and her love for us; all but the lessons of joy and wisdom taught in her short life and her sudden death.

The best part of all and the largest part is yet left us.

It is reported that the Confederate troops

at the approach of the government forces,

if this is true, who has become of Old Virginia's courage!

Jefferson Davis and Beauregard,

are to be on their way to Virginia with 10,000 troops.

The transactions of the next few days will be looked forward to with the greatest anxiety.

As far as known no Massachusetts troops were engaged in the capture of Alexandria.

For the Middlesex Journal.

Mr. EDITOR.—Last fall I called the attention of the town to the dilapidated appearance of that part of our Cemetery fronting on Salem street.

At that time it was somewhat in keeping with the season, but now when everything is putting on a new dress and appearing fair and beautiful to the eye, it is sadly unsightly.

We want a new fence, together with a renovation of the grounds in the part mentioned.

Any person who attended the Consecration of the Stonham Cemetery, on Wednesday, and wended their way homeward by Salem street,

could not but be struck with the very great contrast between our burial place and that of Stonham.

Of course the latter is new, but still, that is no reason why ours should not be able to bear comparison to some extent.

I think, while all who own lots are striving to make them beautiful and appropriate, the town should take care of their part and at once remove everything that mars its appearance.

Let Sabbath School teachers be invited to more fervent prayer and more direct efforts

that the children under their care may, like the soldiers all around, be

to many of your readers. It is dated Elbridge Landing, May, 17th.

"My health and the health of all the others is good, except Lieut. Lyndes'. He is in Washington. I broke my finger since I wrote to you, it is now getting along very well. The sixth regiment went through Baltimore last Monday, only ten of our company was there. The rest went within seven miles of Harper's Ferry. What they went for I have not yet learned. We got those things the ladies made us, last night and I can say we were pleased with them. * * * The eighth regiment of N. Y., and the eighth regiment of Massachusetts, and the Boston Light Artillery are with us. Troops go through here for Washington every day. * * * There was a man here yesterday from So. Carolina. He says the folks out there are as afraid of the Mass. troops as they are of the devil. I hear this regiment is going to have the post of honor. There was a Baltimore company out here the other day, called the Scott Guards, and presented this regiment with a nice silk flag. There was one of the Plug Uglies here last Sunday. He wanted me to tell the people North that the Plug Uglies were Union men, and would fight for the Union. We have got a first rate place for a camp, right on the top of a big hill. We can see a great distance from it. The river runs along the side of the hill. There is any quantity of fish, and game in abundance. * * * I think I shall rest again when I return but not under Col. Jones. There is not a man in the whole regiment that likes him. We have been living like hogs, but we are doing better now. We have singing, fiddling, preaching, and all. We have got that Steam gun on the top of the hill."

SPECTATOR.

WINCHESTER.

For the Middlesex Journal.

WAR ITEMS.—Of the non-commissioned officers of the Lexington Volunteers, Messrs. Loring Gove and Oliver P. Rogers are Sergeants, and Edward H. Davis, Corporal, from this town. The Companies are not as yet provided with arms or uniforms. The commissioned officers have received their commissions. Some difference of opinion has arisen in the Lexington Committee in regard to the distribution of the funds appropriated by the town. A Town Meeting will be held Saturday (this day) to take action upon the matter. A committee of three will be chosen probably in place of the present one consisting of ten members which has proved too large to render efficient service. A meeting of Committees from the various towns represented in the Company, will be held on the following Monday evening, for consultation and to adopt such a uniform plan of operations as shall best promote the object for which they are appointed. It is to be hoped that matters will be arranged speedily and in a satisfactory manner to all concerned, and that the citizens of our own and neighboring towns who have enlisted in this Company and are willing to sacrifice so much in defense of their country shall have the opportunity; that they shall be uniformed and equipped at once, be constantly drilling and preparing themselves by the usual routine, for active service in the camp or field. If they do not progress faster than they have since their organization, the war will be over before they are ready to go to it.

Last Sabbath morning, the Pastor of the Congregational Church preached, taking as his text, Isaiah 37, 14. She subject was Prayer and its efficacy in seasons of great National calamities. After some general remarks upon the duty of all to pray, he proceeded to show its efficacy in times of peril in the history of nations. He cited several illustrations in addition to the one recorded in the chapter from which the text was taken, from Ecclesiastical and Modern History showing its power in behalf of the truth and the right. In the present state of our Nations affairs it was fitting that Christians should pray for their rulers, the head of the army of the United States, the success of our arms, those who go forth in defense of their Country that they may be saved from the demoralizing influences of War. If it was a war of conquest or for aggrandizement no true Christian could pray for its success. But it is a question of government or no government—peace or anarchy—we should thunder it from the canon's mouth, "the powers that be ordained of God."

I regret that I cannot do justice to this excellent sermon, which expressed in such clear and forcible language the duty of professing Christians at the present time. He said that they should not rest satisfied with praying, but it should be accompanied by action. Faith and works must go together. We must be ready to do our part in the great struggle, feeling assured that "God will defend the right."

As the printer made an important alteration in the insertion of the following article, I give it again:

The Sabih says, that if the road between Woburn and Winchester, should be *excavated* up an inch or two higher, the attraction of cohesion would be dreadfully strained.

Fire.—As the account of the fire on Friday evening of last week given in last week's *Journal*, was somewhat brief, I subjoin some further particulars. The house was situated on Grove street adjoining the estate of Peter C. Brooks and near the line of the town. It was 29 stories in height and had been unoccupied for some weeks, save by an Irishman who slept there at night for its protection. While he was absent from the house some one went in and set fire in the attic. When discovered it was bursting through the roof, and made rapid headway, there being quite a high wind prevailing. Excelsior Co. were soon on the spot, but the only water at hand was that in the cistern attached to the house, which was soon exhausted. It was then necessary to draft water from the pond, but on account of the distance not much was accomplished until the arrival of other engines from Woburn, East Woburn and West Cambridge. The L. P. was saved, together with most of the doors and windows, which were taken out at an early stage of the fire. The rest of the building was totally destroyed. It was partially covered by insurance. It was owned by Mr. John Bacon of Boston and valued at some \$4000. Had the wind been blowing in the direction of the other houses in the vicinity, they would have probably been burnt.

WILWOOD CEMETERY.—Some time since I gave a general description of this "garden of graves," and a recent visit induces me to continue my sketch of it in a brief statement of the lots that have been purchased since its dedication to sacred purposes, which have been beautified and adorned by their owners. On Central Avenue, the first lot which strikes

the attention of the visitor is that belonging to Henry Cutler, Nos. 184 and 185. It contains a beautiful marble monument some twelve feet high, with carved flowers on the corners. Next is that of Stephen Cutler's, Nos. 182 and 183, having a marble monument as high as the preceding one, of a different pattern, surmounted by an urn. The four sides of the obelisk are ornamented as follows:—Front, an open bible, with a hand and finger extended upward over the book; on the left side a hand; right, a broken shaft; the rear, a wreath, all finely carved. On the right of the enclosure is the figure of a white dove resting on an ornated marble slab; on the left is a little boy asleep, a beautiful specimen of workmanship. This latter piece of sculpture should be covered with a glass case as the weather will be likely to mar its beauty. Both of these pieces of sculpture are in memory of departed children. No. 181, B. F. Thompson, plain granite shaft in the centre and two small marble slabs at the sides. On the opposite side of the Avenue J. Walker and C. M. Cram have a lot together, with a plain marble monument in the centre. No. 113, S. G. Grafton—Broken marble column emblazoned with flowers, in memory of his wife. Motto, "Earth's strongest ties are broken." No. 114, A. D. Weld, Marble monument. This and the preceding lot are enclosed by wrought iron fences of a rustic pattern. Near by, F. W. Baker has a lot enclosed by an iron rod fence. On Hope Path, J. H. Prince, marble slab with rose bud on top in memory of "Lillie Minnie." N. W. Smith, Town Clerk of Woburn. Woburn, April 27th, 1861.—tr

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Poetry.

How I Live.

Living friendly, feeling friendly,
Acting fairly to all men,
Seeking to do that to others
They may do to me again;
Hating no man, scorning no man,
Wronging none by word or deed;
But forbearing, soothing, serving.
Thus I live—and thus my creed.
Harsh condemning, fierce contending,
Is of little Christian use;
One soft word of kindly peace
Is worth a torrent of abuse;
Calling things bad, calling men bad,
Adds but darkness to their night;
If thou wouldest improve thy brother,
Let thy goodness be his light.
How felt and known how bitter
Human kindness makes the world—
Every bosom bound me froze,
Not an eye with pity peared;
Calling things bad, calling men bad,
Adds but darkness to their night;
If thou wouldest improve thy brother,
Let thy goodness be his light.
All is blind—life hath no secret
For our happiness like this;
Kindly hearts are seldom sad ones,
Blessing ever bringeth bliss;
Lend a helping hand to others—
Smile though all the world should frown.
Man is man, we all are brothers,
Black or white, or red or brown.
Man is man, through all gradation,
I have seen him in his grandeur,
In whatever walk you find him,
Scattered over many lands;
Man is man by form and feature,
Man by voice and virtue too—
And in all one common nature
Speaks and bids us to be true.

Select Literature.

THE DESERTER.

AN ANECDOTE OF NAPOLEON THE FIRST.

In the year 1809, Pierre Pitois was sergeant in the twelfth regiment of the line, then quartered at Strasburg. He was a native of that half savage, half civilized part of Burgundy known as Morvan and his comrades ever spoke of him as a "tough customer." Always the first and last to fire, he had the reputation of killing but two things in the world—the smell of powder and the whistling of bullets.

Now, one day our friend Pierre took it into his head to address a letter to his Colonel in which he applied for a leave of absence to go and see his aged mother, who was dangerously ill. He added that his father, being seventy-eight years of age, and suffering under a paralytic affection, could not be of any use in nurse-tending the poor woman, and he pledged himself to return as soon as the health of his mother should be restored.

The Colonel's reply to Pierre's application was, "that as the regiment might at any moment be ordered to take the field, no leave of absence could be obtained."

Pierre Pitois submitted. A fortnight elapsed, and then a second letter was received by the Colonel, in which Pierre informed him that his mother had died without the consolation of giving her last blessing to her only child, and in which he again solicited leave of absence, saying "he could not state his reason for this request; it was a family secret," but earnestly imploring the Colonel not to deny him this favor.

Pierre's second letter was as little successful as the first. The poor fellow's Captain merely said:—

"Pierre, the Colonel has received your letter; he is sorry for the death of your old mother, but he cannot grant the leave of absence you require as the regiment leaves Strasburg to-morrow."

"Ah! The regiment leaves Strasburg; and for what place, may I ask you?" said Pierre.

"For Austria," replied his officer. "We are to see Vienna, my brave Pitois; we are to fight the Austrians. Is not that good news for you? You will be in your element, my fine fellow."

Pierre Pitois made no reply; he seemed lost in deep thought. The Captain caught his hand, and shaking it heartily, said:—

"Why do you not speak, man? Are you deaf to-day? I am telling you that in less than a week you are to have the pleasure of a set-to with the Austrians, and you have not one word of thanks for the good news; may, I verily believe you have not heard me!"

"Indeed, Captain, I have heard every word; and I thank you, with all my heart, for your news, which I consider very good."

"I thought that you would," said the officer.

"But, Captain, is there no chance of obtaining the leave of absence?"

"Are you mad?" was the reply. "Leave of absence the very day before taking the field?"

"I never thought of that," said Pierre. "We are, then, on the point of taking the field, and at such a time, I suppose, leave is never given!"

"It is never even asked."

"It is quite right; it is never even asked. It would have the appearance of cowardice. Well, then, I will not press it any more; I will try to get on without it."

"And will do well," replied the Captain.

The next day the twelfth regiment entered Germany, and the next—Pierre Pitois deserted!

Three months after, when the twelfth regiment, having reaped in the field of battle an abundant harvest of glory, was making its triumphal entry into Strasburg, Pierre Pitois was ignominiously dragged back to his corps by a brigade of *gens d'armes*. A court martial is immediately called. Pierre Pitois is accused of having deserted at the moment when his regiment was to meet the enemy face to face. The court presented a spectacle. On the one side stood forth the accuser, who cried:—

"Pierre Pitois! you, are one of the bravest men in the army; you, on whose breast the star of honor yet glitters; you, who never incurred either punishment or even censure."

from your officers; you could not have quitted your regiment—almost on the eve of battle—with such powerful motive to impel you! This motive the court demands of you; for it would gladly have in its power, if not to acquit you—which it ought not, perhaps, either to do or to desire—at least to recommend you to the Emperor's mercy."

On the other side the accused, who answered:—

"I have deserted without any motive; I do not repent. If it were to do again, I would do it again. I deserve death—pass sentence."

And then came some witnesses who deposed:—

"Pierre Pitois is a deserter. We know it is a fact, but we do not believe it."

And others averred:—

"Pierre Pitois is mad; the court cannot condemn a madman. He must be sentenced then, not to death, but to the Lunatic Asylum."

This alternative had very nearly been adopted, for there was not one person in the court who did not consider the desertion of Pierre Pitois as one of those singular occurrences, beyond the range of human possibilities, which while every one is forced to admit is a fact, no one can account for or comprehend. The accused, however, pleaded guilty most positively, and was most pertinacious in his demand for the just penalty of the law to be inflicted upon him. He so boldly and fearlessly avowed his crime, continually repeating that he did not regret it, that at length his firmness assumed the character of a bravado, and left no room for clemency. Sentence of death was therefore pronounced.

Pierre Pitois heard his sentence read with the most unflinching gaze. They warmly urged him to plead for mercy, but he refused.

As every one guessed that at the bottom of this affair there was some strange mystery, it was determined that the execution of Pierre should be delayed.

He was carried back to his military prison, and it was announced to him that, as a mark of special favor, he had three days given him to press for pardon. He shrugged his shoulders and made no reply.

In the middle of the night which was to dawn for the day fixed for the execution, the door of Pierre's dungeon turned softly on its hinges, and a subaltern officer advanced to the side of the camp-bed in which the condemned was tranquilly sleeping, and after hanking hours was also in my care. I tried to do my duty faithfully, and I think I succeeded. Mr. Wharton was a close, methodical man, with a quick eye and ready understanding of business, and as I fancied he was satisfied, I felt much pleased.

I had been book-keeper a year when I thought my employer's manner toward me began to change. He began to treat me more coolly, and finally I was assured he watched my movements with distrustful glances. I became nervous and uneasy, for I feared I had offended him. But the thing came to a head at length.

One evening when I was alone in the store engaged in making up my cash account, Mr. Wharton came to me with a troubled look and spoke. His voice was tremulous, and I could see that he was deeply affected.

"George," said he, "I am sorry for the conviction that has been forced upon me; I fear you have not been treating me as you should."

I managed, in spite of my astonishment, to ask what he meant.

"I fear you are not honest," was his reply.

Had a thunderbolt fallen upon me I could not have been more startled.

"Not honest! And there I had been for many years making it my chief aim and study how to serve him most faithfully! I do not remember what I said first—I only know that tears came into my eyes—that my lips trembled—and that my utterance was almost choked. How long had he held such suspicions? I asked him and he told me for more than two months.

"You have suspected me thus and still left me in the dark! After serving you so long—after giving to your interests all my energies—after striving for faith and honor that I might win your love and esteem—to suspect me in secret—to look upon me as a thief, and yet not tell me! Oh, I would not have believed it!"

"Let us talk the matter over calmly," said the merchant, his old kind tone coming back. He was touched by my agony, and I could see he was wavering.

I felt at first like telling him that he should have done this before; but as he seemed ready to reason now, I found no fault.

"You have spent considerable money of late," he began.

"How? I asked.

"Have you not built a house?"

"Yes, sir, and paid for it too, and have thus given my mother a comfortable home."

Mr. Wharton was staggered for a moment by my frank and feeling reply; but pretty soon he asked:—

"What did the house cost you?"

"Just fifteen hundred dollars. My mother owned the land; and I supposed you would know where I got the money. You, sir, learned me how to save it. I have been with you six years; the first year you paid me fifty dollars, and I laid up twenty-five of it; the second and third years you gave me a hundred dollars, and of that I laid up sixty dollars a year; the fourth year you made me a clerk and gave me five hundred. My mother was able to feed me, and as our little one answered for the time, I got along that year upon an expense of seventy-five dollars.

The next year you paid me six hundred, on condition that I would keep your books. I saved five hundred of that. This last year you have paid me one thousand dollars, and I have spent only the interest of what I had

previously invested, so that the thousand was not touched. Of course my mother has worked, but she wished to do it. I have paid fifteen hundred dollars for my house, and have five hundred in the savings bank.

This is a plain statement of my affairs."

My employer seemed more puzzled than before.

"Now," said I, "I have given you an honest statement, and will you be equally frank and tell me all that has happened to you?"

"I promise," said Pierre.

"Your hand, dear sir, that I may press it to my heart. You are very kind to me, and if the Almighty God were in his omnipotence to give me my life a second time, I would do it for you."

"A sweet-heart! a sister! I never had either."

"To thy father?"

"He is no more. Two months ago he died in my arms."

"To thy mother, then?"

"My mother!"—said Pierre, whose voice suddenly and totally changed. He repeated—"my mother! Ah, comrade, do not utter that name, for I have never heard that name—I have never said it in my heart—without feeling melted like a child; and even now, methinks, if I were to speak of her."

"What then?"

"Tears would come—and tears do not become a man. * * * Tears!" continued he. "Tears! when I have a few hours to live,—Ah! there would not be much courage left the Emperor!"

He appeared, dismounted from his horse; and then with his short, quick step, walked up to the condemned.

"Pierre," said he to him. Pierre gazed at him, and made an effort to speak, but a sudden stupor seemed to overwhelm him.

"Pierre," continued the Emperor, "remember your own words of last night—God gives thee life a second time; devote it not to me, but to France! She, too, is a kind mother! Love her as thou didst thy first—thy own."

"She loves you, and you love her! Oh! then I may, indeed, tell you!"

"I have been told, then?"

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"Why do you not speak, man? Are you deaf to-day? I am telling you that in less than a week you are to have the pleasure of a set-to with the Austrians, and you have not one word of thanks for the good news; may, I verily believe you have not heard me!"

"Indeed, Captain, I have heard every word; and I thank you, with all my heart, for your news, which I consider very good."

"I thought that you would," said the officer.

"But, Captain, is there no chance of obtaining the leave of absence?"

"Are you mad?" was the reply. "Leave of absence the very day before taking the field?"

"I never thought of that," said Pierre.

"We are, then, on the point of taking the field, and at such a time, I suppose, leave is never given!"

"It is never even asked."

"It is quite right; it is never even asked. It would have the appearance of cowardice. Well, then, I will not press it any more; I will try to get on without it."

"And will do well," replied the Captain.

The next day the twelfth regiment entered Germany, and the next—Pierre Pitois deserted!

Three months after, when the twelfth regiment, having reaped in the field of battle an abundant harvest of glory, was making its triumphal entry into Strasburg, Pierre Pitois was ignominiously dragged back to his corps by a brigade of *gens d'armes*. A court martial is immediately called. Pierre Pitois is accused of having deserted at the moment when his regiment was to meet the enemy face to face. The court presented a spectacle. On the one side stood forth the accuser, who cried:—

"Pierre Pitois! you, are one of the bravest men in the army; you, on whose breast the star of honor yet glitters; you, who never incurred either punishment or even censure."

The Left-Handed Thief.

"How many young men have been injured and perhaps ruined by false suspicion!" remarked my mercantile friend, as we were conversing on the "panic" a few evenings since. Suspicion is like an assassin in the dark. It stabs its victim and he knows not whence the blow comes. Or it may be more like the keen frost which seizes upon the ears, the cheeks or the nose, freezing the flesh and driving back the life-blood, and yet the poor man is totally ignorant of his situation till he comes in contact with the heat and begins to feel the stinging pain. But I believe I never told you of the only time that suspicion of evil was ever fastened on me. It has nothing particular to do with the subject under consideration, though it serves to show how merchants sometimes lose money.

When a mere youth I was placed in the store of Jacob Wharton, a merchant doing good business. I was frugal, industrious and faithful, and at the age of twenty-one I was advanced to the post of book-keeper, with a good salary. I had charge of the books and the safe and all the money left over after banking hours was also in my care. I tried to do my duty faithfully, and I think I succeeded.

"One day a letter brought me the tidings that she was ill—my own poor mother! I longed to go to her. I asked leave of absence; it was not granted. I remembered her last words, 'If thou art ill, go to thy mother.' I have never forgotten them, 'Do thy duty.'

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OUR NATION.

The position now held by this Government in the eyes of the world cannot but be most intensely interesting. It has been an eye sore to the despotic powers of the old world—a constant example of a free people governing themselves. Still the prediction has been made again and again that our fate would be that of all other Republics, and that at no distant period the historian would speak of us as a nation that once was, but has ceased to be. Shrewd men foresaw, doubtless, the disturbing elements that were at work undermining the fair structure on these western shores, without being able to discover where the power reposed that was to save it. Here was no standing army such as the monarchs of Europe rely upon. The people were all divided into parties, apparently wholly incapable of any thing like united action. The great North and West, intelligent and industrious, were too much absorbed in the pursuit of gain to bestow much thought upon matters pertaining to the welfare of the nation. It seemed indeed as though the time had come when a blow, if struck, could not fail of being successful, and that the downfall of the Government was indeed at hand. Demonic joy doubtless filled the hearts of eastern despots, while deeper groans burst from the hearts of the down trodden in the old world. Thinking men at the North were filled with anxious forebodings. The ship of State was stealthily directed by traitor-hand toward dangerous reefs; and, although the helmsman was warned of the danger and besought to change the course, he seemed as one just awakened from sleep, unwilling to look about him. When the foam and the roar of the breakers at length became apparent, and the fact stared him in the face that peril of untold magnitude was at hand, the helm seemed abandoned and the ship allowed to float where chance and the waves might carry it. Then it was that many a man felt that our experiment had proved a failure—that a Republic could not long exist—but that nothing but a monarchy, sustained by military force, could be permanent. Deep was the grief felt by many hearts in view of what seemed an inevitable fact. How valueless seemed their country—their country they had loved so long and so well. How the sneer and patronizing sympathies of France and England deepened the sorrows that were passing so heavily. And as State after State withdrew from the Union, “darker and darker still the darkness grew,” till, apparently, all was indeed lost. Where was the force that could stem the tide and quell so gigantic a rebellion? Was there a slumbering power in the people that would burst forth when the time for action was fully come, and say to the traitors—“no farther?” Hope was about ready to yield to despair when the cannon aimed at Fort Sumter sent its first peal over the land. As the spark to the magazine, so was that thunder tone in its effect upon the people of the North. It brought them to their feet and convinced them in an instant that the South was terribly in earnest in her insane attempts to destroy the Government. Then it was that a power sprung into active existence that can be stayed no more than the ocean, lashed into fury by storm and tempest. Then was exhibited such a spectacle as the monarchs of the old world never saw before. United as one man the North went forth, armed in panoply complete, to fight again the battle for freedom. In a little more than one short month, results have been secured that are the wonder of the world. And still men are anxiously pressing forward, offering themselves to sustain the Government. Does any one doubt the result? Does any one now think this nation is weak? Terrible indeed is its strength—and that its foes already begin to comprehend. It hesitates not to say even the powers of Europe, hands off, or you too, will feel our power.

When once this monster rebellion is crushed out,—as crushed it surely will be,—how this nation will stand forth before the world. It will have vindicated itself in the eyes of the Universe as the best and strongest Government ever given to man. It will cause a thrill of joy in every heart. It will be followed by such blows as no man can resist, while millions will rise up and set their feet upon the necks of tyrants, proclaiming themselves free.

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“*W. M. PHALANX.*—Some nine or ten members of the Phalanx have been discharged, and have joined other regiments, which are to go into immediate service. The Phalanx have signified their willingness to enlist for three years, and have thus given a flat contradiction to the stories which have been scattered that the wonder of the world. And still men are anxiously pressing forward, offering themselves to sustain the Government. Does any one doubt the result? Does any one now think this nation is weak? Terrible indeed is its strength—and that its foes already begin to comprehend. It hesitates not to say even the powers of Europe, hands off, or you too, will feel our power.

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All the Reading boys send their respects, they are all in good health and spirits. Nathan Parker is orderly in the hospital, and has no military duty to do. He has got acquainted with nearly every man in the regiment, and is called the "Old General," and has liberty to go out or in at his pleasure, which is a great convenience. Parker conforms to military discipline, and marching around with a musket on his shoulder.

I trust you will continue writing to us, as it is very pleasant to receive letters from home, and I will agree to keep you posted to our condition. Again thanking you for your kindness, I remain most truly yours,

JAS. H. GRIGGS.

P. S.—Capt. Locke wishes you to have that supper ready on our return, as there is no doubt but we shall bring back Jeff. Davis' head, or some of his men.

Ghioes.

SOUTH READING.

For the Middlesex Journal

The humbug that was practised on Sunday upon our citizens in common with many other people, probably, will not be soon lost upon us.

If the Sunday Herald or any other paper, reporting important news of great battles, with but few losses, and immense gains, finds a ready sale in this place on another Sabbath day, it will prove a remarkably forgivable disposition on the part of the people. To say that it is too bad to circulate such unfounded reports, dressed in the garb of truth, is altogether too mild an expression—it is outrageous—if laws should be enforced in this country which are said to exist in more heathen lands, to hang every Editor who through his paper circulates falsehoods, including those who originate them, there would be but few Extra Sheets required each day to contradict the statements of the preceding day. The minds of the Community are sufficiently excited in such times as these, with the simple truth, and those who have friends in the army need no false alarms to keep them in the most terrible suspense.

The Adjourned Town Meeting was held on Monday evening. It was not deemed necessary to take any additional action on the subject of aid to the families of volunteers, as by an act of the extra session of the Legislature the rights of the towns are limited, as well as their duties and their authority set forth. It was voted that the Town Military Committee previously chosen, act in concurrence with the Board of Selectmen under section first of the act referred to.

Communications are constantly passing between the Richardson Light Guard and their friends at home. It is likely however they will not find so ready facilities for writing often, since leaving Washington for their tents. The company are well and cheerful as they can be under the circumstances. It is evident that they are not properly cared for by the Regimental officers who have their comfort particularly in charge. The time for which they enlisted is rapidly passing, and a new order of things may afterwards prevail.

There was a very heavy shower on Monday afternoon, accompanied by thunder and lightning. This was succeeded by a cold wind, which blew almost a gale during the evening and night and most of the next day. The few blossoms that had made their appearance were effectually scattered.

The number of dogs licensed in town this year, is very small compared with that of last year. If the dogs do not exist, it is all well; but as the law makes it obligatory on the proper officers to see that no unlicensed dogs are allowed to go at large, there is a probability that a fine or the loss of the ears, will be more expensive than a license.

Mr. Hutchinson, former Editor of the South Reading Gazette, has sold his interest in that paper to Mr. Benjamin Johnson, who has heretofore been connected with the Gazette office. Mr. H. has established another paper in the city of Roxbury.

A fire occurred about half past 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening entirely consuming an old unoccupied house, known as the "Foster house," in the West ward, near the Reading line. The building was not of much account but a loss of several hundred dollars may be calculated on fruit trees in the immediate vicinity, a part of which is sustained by Wm. H. Willis, Esq. It must have been the work of an incendiary, the building had not been occupied for a year or more.

M.

For the Middlesex Journal.

This War.

I have thought that the future historian would look back upon the present war, as one of the strangest mentioned in the annals of mankind. That thirty millions of people, living for many years under a most benign government, favored with unexampled prosperity, and means of varied enjoyment, till they had become the envy of the nations of the world, should suddenly, in the midst of this prosperity, arrange themselves in two hostile divisions for mutual destruction, with an evident approach that of the French revolution of '93, and each division feeling that it has justice and the God of armies on its side; is not the question how such an event could happen, a matchless political problem?

May we not justly exclaim with one of old, "who can understand his errors?"—and again with another,—"Yea also, the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead?"

How plainly it appears that our fallen race have little virtue to bear well great prosperity.

Penetrated with this new illustration of human depravity and human ignorance may not even we of the North, who suppose we have reason and righteousness on our side, with great prosperity, invoke divine compassion to help the madness of this seemingly devoted land?

J. E.

South Reading, May 23, 1861.

WINCHESTER.

For the Middlesex Journal.

STATISTICS.—The basis of apportionment for the State and County taxes as established by the last Legislature during the decade ending 1870, will be as follows, as regards this town. 513 Polls; Valuation of Property \$163,3514; Rate \$1.71 on a \$1000 given.

For this statement it will be perceived that though small in size, our town yet occupies a prominent position in comparison with others.

TOWN MATTERS.—The Selectmen have received a letter from the Lowell Savings Bank inquiring whether the town intend to repudiate the debt incurred by its late Treasurer for loans from that institution. The subject will come before the town at a special meeting to be held June 10th, and the Bank has been requested to wait for an answer until after that period. It seems to me as I have before stated, that the town had better assume and pay the debt thus illegally incurred in the best manner possible, rather than have a law suit brought against them and finally be obliged to pay the amount in controversy with a large sum in addition, for costs of court, counsel fees &c. I think that a Jury, on hearing the facts in the case, would decide against the town. The Selectmen had better be authorized to consult some eminent lawyer, and if in his opinion the town would be held liable, then let the matter be settled in a fair and honorable manner. It may be a severe lesson to us, but it will be beneficial. Again, our Selectmen must not be cramped for want of money to meet the ordinary expenditures of the town. An additional loan will be required before the taxes are received.

The subject of widening and straightening certain portions of Washington Street which was dismissed at the last town meeting will come up again in a new form, and that dread disease, consumption, may make known to his fellow-sufferers the means of cure.

To all who desire it, we will send a copy of the prescriptions used (free of charge), with the directions for preparing and using the same, which will be of great service to the Asylum patients, &c. &c. The only object of the advertiser in sending the prescriptions is to assist the afflicted and the hopeless every sufferer will try his remedy, as it will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing.

Parties wishing the prescription will please address REV. EDWARD A. WILSON, Williamsburg, Kings County, New York.

Married.

CUMMINGS—RING—In Woburn, 26th Inst., by Rev. Chas. J. Hill of Nashua, N. H., Mr. Charles Cummings and Miss Lucinda J. Ring, both of Woburn.

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THE subscriber having thoroughly repaired and fitted up the building in Lynnfield, known as "Pitting's Factory," for the purpose of Grinding Corn, Rye, &c.

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Miscellaneous.

Better Late Than Never.
Life is a race where some succeed,
While others are beginning;
Tis luck at times, at others, speed;
That gives an early winning;
But if you chance to fall behind,
Ne'er slacken your endeavor;
Just keep this wholesome truth in mind—
"Tis better late than never!

If you can keep ahead, 'tis well;
But never trip your neighbor;
Tis noble when you can exceed
By honest patient labor,
But if you are outstripped at last,
Press on as bold as ever;
Remember, though you are surpassed,
"Tis better late than never!

Never labor for an idle boast
Of victory o'er another;
But, while you strive your uttermost,
Deal fairly with your brother.
Whatever your station, do your best,
And hold your purpose ever;
And if you fall to beat the rest,
"Tis better late than never!

Choose well the path in which you run,
Spared by noble daring;
Then, though the last, when once 'tis won,
Your crown is worth the wearing.
Then never fear if left behind,
Nor slacken your endeavor;
But keep this truth in mind—
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A FUNNY CORRESPONDENT.—There is a good deal of dry wit in the following letter from Washington:

Editor of T. T.— I am living luxuriously, at present, on the top of a very respectable fence, and fare sumptuously on three granite biguets a day, and a glass of water, weakened with brandy. A high private in the 22d Regt has promised to let me have one of his spare pocket-handkerchiefs for a sheet the first rainy night, and I never go to bed on my comfortable window-brush without thinking how many poor creatures there are in this world who have to sleep on hair-mattresses and feather beds all their lives. Before the great rush of the Fire Zouaves and the rest of the menagerie commenced, I boarded exclusively on a front stoop in Pennsylvania Avenue, and used to slumber, regardless of expense, in a well conducted ash-box; but the military monopolize all such accommodations now, and I give way for the sake of my country.

I tell you, my boy, we're having high old times here just now, and if they get much higher I shan't be able to afford to stay. The city is "in danger" every other hour, and as a veteran in the Fire Zouaves remarked, there seems to be enough danger lying around loose on Arlington Heights to make a very good blood-and-thunder fiction in numerous pages. If the vigilant and well-educated sentinels happen to see an old nigger on the other side of the Potomac, they sing out, "Here they come!" and the whole blessed army is snapping caps in less than a minute. Then all the cheap reporters telegraph to their papers in New York and Philadelphia, that "Jeff. Davis is within a few minutes' walk of the Capital, with a few millions of men," and all the Free States send six more regiments apiece to crowd us a little more. I shan't stand much more crowding, for my fence is full now, and there were six applications yesterday for an improved knot-hole. My landlord says that, if more than three chaps set up housekeeping on one post, he'll be forced to raise the rent.

The greatest confidence in Gen. Scott is felt by all, and it would do good to see the gay old hero take the Oath. He takes it after every meal, and the first thing when he gets up in the morning. • • •

Those Fire Zouaves are fellows of a awful suction, I tell you. Just for greens, I asked one of them, yesterday, what he came here for. "Hah!" says he, shutting one eye, "we came here to 'strike for your altars and your fires'—especially your fires." Gen. Scott says that if he wanted to make these chaps break through the army of the foe, he'd have a fire-bell rung for some district on the other side of the rebels. He says that half a million of the traitors could not keep the Fire Zouaves out of that district five minutes. I believe him, my boy!

I learn from good authority that President Abe has perfected a great plan for the prosecution of the campaign. He will keep the troops where they are until the Southern troops have all grown to be very old men, and then he will attack them without more delay. I am informed that the ships which sailed from New York and Boston, recently, are under sealed orders to proceed immediately to the South by the way of the coast of Africa. We shall hear from them some time next century.

Yours diplomatically, ORPHEUS C. KEHN.

HENRY WARD BEECHER ON THE FLAG.—That flag means Lexington—it means Bunker Hill—it means the whole glorious Revolutionary War. It means that the Declaration of Independence means—it means all that the Constitution means. Not a symbol of authority of the ruler was allowed to go in it. It was ordained for the people by the people; that it meant and that it means, and by the blessing of God that it shall mean to the end of time. For God Almighty be thanked, that when base, degenerate men desired to set up oppression at war with all the instincts of American liberty, they could not do it under our flag. They must have another flag for such work. I thank them that they took another flag to do the devil's work, and left our flag to do God Almighty's work. [Applause—suppressed.] If ever the sentiment of the text has been fulfilled, it has been in our glorious banner. "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed; and displayed it shall be from the Atlantic wave clear across, with eagle flight to the Pacific; that banner shall wave meaning all that it ever meant. From the North where snows and ice stand solitarily, clear to the Gulf and tropics, that banner has waved and shall wave forever.

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At the request, and stimulated by a desire to extend a kind of relief to the public, we have had his communication printed in pamphlet form for free distribution. His interest is enhanced by the fact that he is a native of New England, and a graduate of the Harvard Schools, Seminaries and Teachers.

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Poetry.

The Rivers.

River! river! little river!
Swift you glide away;
Now o'er sparkling pebbles dancing,
Now o'er flowers and foliage glancing,
Like a child at play.

River! river! swelling river!
On you rush o'er rough and smooth;
Now round fragrant thyme banks sweeping,
Now over every barrier leaping,
Like impetuous youth.

River! river! brimming river!
Broad and deep, and still at times,
Seeming still, and yet in motion,
Tending onward to the ocean,
Just like mortal prime.

River! river! rapid river!
Swifter now you glide away;
Swift and silent as an arrow,
Through a channel dark and narrow,
Like life's closing day.

River! river! headlong river!
Down you rush into the sea;
Sea that line hath never sounded,
Sea that voyage hath never rounded,
Like eternity.

Select Literature.

AN ANGEL IN THE HOUSE; OR THE MYSTERIOUS CONFERENCE.

The time was midnight. An unclouded moon threw a flood of light through the curtains of a richly adorned drawing-room, into which the owner of the mansion, Walsingham, Fairfield, stealthily entered. His face was flushed, his dress disordered, and his general appearance betokened excessive emotion; yet it seemed anxious to prevent his footsteps from being heard. He was followed by another individual with equal caution, and who, after closing the door gently, imitated the example of Fairfield, by throwing himself into an arm-chair, and fixing his eyes upon the

Fairfield produced some papers from his writing-desk, and at length broke silence; but his words were uttered in so low a tone, that they were scarcely audible to his companion. He feared to trust the air with them, lest the secret they expressed should be disclosed to ears from which he most wished it should be kept.

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"Ernestine!" he exclaimed; "what do you here at this time of night?"

"Walsingham!" she replied, "what do you here at this time of night?"

"I have told you, Ernestine," he observed, "that your prying curiosity—which you would have me think arises from affection—is impudent. I tell you now, it is offensive."

"A wife should share her husband's sorrow Walsingham."

"A wife should avoid increasing whatever cares her husband may possess, by her offensiveness."

"What is that love?" exclaimed Ernestine, looking at her husband, imploringly. "I would endure half your load of care; and if you refuse me."

"These opportunities increase that care. If you would be kind to me, leave me to my self immediately."

Ernestine silently and slowly turned from her husband's side, and Walsingham Fairfield was again alone. He had dismissed the angel that had power to save him.

The next night Walsingham and his companion returned equally stealthily, and the latter remained longer, and still greater caution was observed on his departure; but a quick ear might have detected a light footfall on the stairs. The angel still was there. Nightly these midnight consultations were confined; but suddenly Fairfield became constant to his home; he did not leave the house for days; and the gentle attentions of his wife seemed to be appreciated; for his words were always kind to her; and his tones now fell upon her heart like well-remembered music on the ear, sung by the loved and lost.

The dream of happiness, however, was soon dispelled. A letter destroyed it all! Fairfield's banker, who held a large amount of capital for investment, and to whom application had been made for its return, had failed, and fled. Hope was now of no avail; the secret which had been carefully concealed from Ernestine, could be concealed no longer. Fairfield had lost large sums at the gaming-table; and although his friend, Coningsby, had obtained time for him to discharge these obligations, the failure of his banker rendered it impossible to do so at any time.

That Coningsby should be the man to undertake the trouble and vexation of an arrangement with Fairfield's creditors, would not have been inexplicable to Ernestine, if her husband had mentioned the name of his friend; but Coningsby, who professed an utter contempt for women, and sneered at men who condescended to discuss matters of business with them, had made it a condition of his mediation that Fairfield should have no communication with his wife upon the subject.

Coningsby was the man whose visits were made so mysteriously at night; and who hour after sat with Fairfield over the books and parchments, scanning them with lawyer-like deliberation; whilst Ernestine, charmed at these midnight visits, and by nothing more than the silence that prevailed, interrogated only with the rustling of papers and leaves, and interrupted by short whispers, as one party made an inquiry, to which the other as

briefly, and in as low terms, replied, still watched, undiscovered, endeavoring to penetrate the mystery. If Ernestine could have thought it was Coningsby who was her husband's companion, she would have guessed his purpose, and have frustrated it. Some years previously, before her marriage, and whilst her hand was sought by many whom the richness of her beauty, and the grace of her accomplishments, inspired with love, she had declined an offer made by Coningsby, at that time one of the gayest of the fashionable men about town, and who set off a handsome person by the indisputable correctness of his taste in dress; but his manners and principles were not in accordance with those of Ernestine, and she respectfully rejected his offer, when he had boasted at the club of his ability to carry her off. Astonished by the unexpected rejection of his suit, he had openly vowed to be revenged; and although the threat, on account of the malicious disposition of Coningsby, gave Ernestine and her husband some uneasiness, yet as he went upon the Continent some time afterwards, with a resolution to abide there, in consequence of his broken fortune, the master ceased to be talked of, and at length it seemed entered the thoughts of the parties.

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"Coningsby!" he exclaimed, "this visit, at such a time, is most imprudent—most impudent. I would not have Ernestine know you were here for the world."

"Nonsense!" was the reply. "She must know it."

"Must!" echoed Fairfield. "It was your own proposition that she should remain ignorant of your being in England."

"Yes, but the case is altered. You may invite me to breakfast now."

"Are you mad, Coningsby?"

"Certainly not, Fairfield. You and Ernestine breakfast here of course. I shall be honored with your company."

"I am not in a mood for jesting," said Fairfield.

"Very well; mirth or seriousness, as you please. If you prefer to leave before breakfast, do so."

"Coningsby, what is it that you mean?"

"I mean this," said Coningsby, a tone of exultation; "that I am the master here! I mean, sir, that I have purchased of Joyce Hasselton his rights—his rights, sir—the right to all your possessions that he had to dispose of; and further, sir, I will tell you, that you shall be quick to remove to the other side of the street-door of this mansion, with your wife, the pretty and proud Ernestine, the police may inquire of you personally, respecting a certain forgery, which Sir Claude Markham is by this time cognizant of."

Fairfield stared at his companion in mute astonishment; and then, almost breathless, he exclaimed:

"Is it possible you are so great a villain?"

"It is possible," cried Coningsby, with an exulting laugh, "that I am revenged. Ernestine Markham despised me! For five years had I longed for this hour. It has been the subject of my thoughts by day, and of dreams by night. At length my dream is realized. I am her master, and yours. Call the haughty beauty before me. Let me see her ere she goes with her dear lord to share his shame. Call her before me!"

"No!" cried Fairfield. "That triumph you shall not have. Monster in human shape! you have undone me, but you shall not exult over my poor injured and innocent wife!"

Sizing Coningsby by the throat, he dragged him toward the stairs, calling upon the servants to open the street-door; but Coningsby, suddenly perceiving Sir Claude Markham and a police constable at the foot of the stairs, managed to extricate himself from Fairfield's grasp, and exclaimed:

"I am glad you are come, Sir Claude, to behold the ferocity of your son-in-law, the felon —."

"Take him into custody!" exclaimed Sir Claude; and Joyce Hasselton, immediately advancing, seized the arm of Coningsby, and dragging forward, seized the arm of Coningsby, and almost paralyzed.

She was soon roused from this almost fatal lethargy, by seeing an Indian warrior, his way up through the opening, doubtless believing her killed with the volley intended for her destruction. It was not light, but the half slumbering embers of the fire below threw a ruddy gleam upon the ascending savage, and enabled Mrs. Norton to see him thus distinctly, without herself being seen.

One thought of her sweet, innocent babe, that this human monster was approaching, was sufficient to rouse the faculties and nerve the arm of that devoted mother; and grasping her ax, she started up, and with a quick, powerful blow, buried it in his brain; and he sunk down, a bloody corpse, upon the heads of the two companions whose shudders were supporting him in his ascent.

The husband sought and obtained forgiveness, and the angel still blessed his happy home.

"I will do it!" exclaimed Fairfield; and suddenly turning to the table, inquired, "Where is the paper?"

"Be cool, my dear fellow, be cool," replied Coningsby. "I never do anything in a hurry. Here is the bill—let me first light a taper, though; you can't see in the dark. Such a man can make his mark."

A Heroic Mother.

All you have to do, is to write 'Claude Markham' in the right-hand corner."

If both parties had not riveted their minds upon the business in progress, a stilled exclamation would have been observed by them; but neither was in a condition to notice trifling circumstances. Yet although Fairfield was in a state of terrible excitement, Coningsby deliberately turned toward the fire to light a taper.

That coolness was the ruin of his scheme.

The back of Coningsby was toward the table, and Fairfield's face was buried in his hands, when quickly, but silently, the unheeded angel glided from his hiding-place, and when the taper was lighted, and the pen put into Fairfield's hand to commit the forgery upon the supposed dying father of Ernestine, another paper, different from that provided by Coningsby, had taken its place.

"Oh, why does he not come?" she murmured, in a low, earnest tone; "why does he not come? Oh, if anything should have happened to him, what will become of us?"

She arose in great agitation as she spoke, and began to walk quickly to and fro, stopping now and then to listen, as she fancied she heard the sound of an approaching footstep.

The villain knew how falsely he was speaking. Sir Claude Markham, Ernestine's father, although indisposed, was in no danger.

Fairfield trusted in his betrayer. The paper was signed, and Coningsby quickly put it in his pocket.

"I shall be able to bring you money for this in the course of time, no doubt," said Coningsby, as he took up his hat to depart.

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by the fatal past to be more cautious in the future, they made no further attempt to gain the lost occupied by our heroine, but with blood-curdling yells of fury, they dragged forward the straw bed, and deposited it under the opening, and hurried every other combustible they could find upon it, and quickly set the whole on fire.

Up rose the smoke in a suffocating volume soon followed by torques of flame; and as Mrs. Norton gazed down upon the horrible scene for a few agonizing moments, she felt that her time had come, and no longer indulged the faintest hope of ultimate escape.

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At length, as she was about to approach the fire to add more fuel, she started with a bright gleam of joy, as she heard the long-expected and most welcome tap upon the door.

"Is it you, my dear William?" she cried, as she hastily laid her infant upon the bed and darted forward to undo the fastenings.

"Why do you not answer, dear William?"

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The Street School.

There are many things learned out of school; and nowhere is there more learned in the streets. Bad boys almost always live in the streets. There they are out of the way of parents, and teachers, and masters. There they see plenty of entertaining sights. There they meet with many playmates, especially with those that are older and worse. There they are classes of the street school at the doors of the theatre and circus, and whenever there is a fire, procession, or a training, or whenever a crowd follows the constable and his prisoners.

When boys are sent on errands, they sometimes stop by the way and take street lessons. They go out of their course, stand at corners, and gaps at new sights. There are classes of the street school at the doors of the theatre and circus, and whenever there is a fire, procession, or a training, or whenever a crowd follows the constable and his prisoners.

The Indians, with yells of triumph that they had hit upon a plan to conquer a woman, and so obtain a demoniac revenge, now retired from the dwelling, taking their dead and dying comrades with them, and surrounding the building, so as to cut off all chance for the escape of their victim, they awaited the progress of the flames.

For the first few moments the imprisoned mother, with her infant pressed to her heart, thought only of tamely yielding to the death, she could not hope to escape; but life has its instincts for preservation, even when hope and desire are gone; and this instinct, in the case of Mrs. Norton, brought into play all her faculties for putting off the dreaded moment of dissolution. While gasping for breath, she suddenly bethought her of a place in the roof which required mending, and from which she might possibly obtain a little fresh air; and hastening to the spot, she exerted herself to push back a loose and warped plank; and then putting her own face to it, and that of her child, she found she could breathe much more freely. There was now a moment at this critical juncture, that she thought of forcing her way out, and permitting herself to be killed by the savages; but the fear that she might be taken prisoner and carried into a hopeless captivity—a fate to her mind worse than death itself—determined her to do to let him alone. Take no care about his company. Never rebuke him for coming late from school or an errand. Do not trouble yourself about the way he passes his evenings. Never mind what time he comes home at night. Especially, do not trouble yourself in sending him to the Sunday school.

The street school is very expensive. The price is not paid in advance, or in ready money, but it is sure to be demanded with heavy interest. The payment is loss of health, loss of character, loss of health, and always the loss of happiness—*Christian Advocate*.

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GREAT MEN.

Men are not always great, though they occupy a high position and exert an extensive influence. They may be wholly unworthy the place they occupy, and even they may perform may be anything but salutary in its influence upon the people. Some men are great in their own eyes, while those in humbler or subordinate positions know very well their unfitness for the stations they fill. Military men are prone to look upon rashness and daring—a reckless rushing into the very jaws of death, as a proof of true courage and heroism. Courage is indispensable in every man who is engaged in the fearful business of war, but it is a calm, intelligent courage, a fearless discharge of duty, regardless of personal consequences, that evinces the truly great man and hero.

History is not deficient in the names of so called great men who, apparently, never knew the sentiment of fear amid dangers the most appalling. They recognized no Supreme being, and no consequent accountability for their actions toward their fellow men. Prominent, however, are found a few names that will live, not only for their noble deeds of heroic bravery, but for the exalted principles which influenced them and guided them at all times. The name of Havelock will be cherished, and his sublime greatness will be remembered as long as the English language shall be read and spoken. Do we ask what it was that gave him the lofty position he attained? He was a brave soldier and a skillful general, and his feats of daring were not few. But it was the moral and religious character of the man that caused him to be remembered with such interest and profound reverence. Washington was a great man. We all know his character and the secret springs of action that influenced him. But it was at Valley Forge, in the darkest hours of the Revolutionary struggle, when hope had almost yielded to despair, that he shone forth greater than ever before. It was then that he was seen, retiring to a secluded spot and invoking the blessing and aid of Heaven upon the holy cause in which he was engaged. Who could then look upon Washington, on his knees before his God, and not feel the awful greatness of him who has since been named the Father of his country.

Within a few months another name has become a household word, and synonymous with all that is lofty in purpose, calm and heroic in action. Amid the terrible conflict at Sumter, enveloped in a tempest of shot and shell, and surrounded by flames, the greatness of Major Anderson shone forth—the admiration of his countrymen and of the world. Without provisions, without a supply of ammunition, without sufficient men to work his guns with full effect, he vindicated his character as a soldier and a true hero. But subsequent developments have shown us the secret of his courage and the source of his true greatness. During a recent visit to Cincinnati he was called upon to speak to the scholars of a Sabbath School in that city. The following brief address unfolds the character of the man in all his simple greatness:

"I did not expect, my dear children and friends, when I came here, to be asked to address you. But it is well, perhaps, for me to say a few words. I have been placed providentially, in a position that has attracted the attention of our country to me and to my little band. But I would not have you misunderstand me or my position, and the causes that have led me safely through the dangers by which I have been surrounded. No mortal assistance, no individual aid would have sufficed to the end. I am willing, and am not ashamed frankly to tell you, my young friends, that no event, no transaction took place there, in any day, of any interest or importance to our cause, without my first appealing to God in the morning, to give me a spirit of wisdom to know my duty to Him and my country. Therefore the credit of whatever was done does not belong to me. Before I left Port Sumter I received letters from friends telling me I should be in more danger from my friends than I was from my enemies—that I must be careful not to be spied by the latter. The advice was well timed; but I trust God that He has saved me from the dangers in which I was placed. Feeling, believing, and hoping thus, I confess that I have not been in my own mind that I was entitled to the least credit for what I have done, because God put it into my heart to do that which I did. Therefore, my young friends, I would urge upon all of you, in the transactions of life that you will be called upon to perform, and each individual has transactions to perform as momentous to him as what I have performed is to me—his eternal happiness depends upon it—I would have you all put your trust in God. Do that with a humble heart, and you will be blest in this life, and prepared for everlasting happiness in that which is to come. I can say no more."

Such was the man who commanded that starved and devoted garrison against the perfect batteries and the thousands of South Carolina. How unlike many a great and gifted man, who labors nobly in his country's cause, but who trusts to his own strength, seeking for no light or wisdom from above to show the path that should be pursued. When the light that such men have afforded goes out, how totally dark the darkness becomes. The great men our country needs at the present

time should be at heart like Washington, like Havelock, like Anderson, calm, collected, trusting reverently in an Almighty Being who ever notes the sparrow's fall, and are ever mindful of their accountability to Him.

The Times.

Every body is complaining of the hard times, and well they may. The almost absolute stopping of business has thrown many people out of employment, and, as a consequence, money ceases to circulate through the hands of the many. Still some of our people seem to have a fair amount of employment, and all should rejoice that it is so. It becomes every man, at the present time, to absolutely study economy in his expenditures. All unnecessary things should be left unbought, except by those who can now as well, as ever, buy what they please. The man who earns only small wages should not forget that he may be owing others who need the money to buy their daily bread, and if they can do no more, then they can pay a dollar of it once in a while. Every man and woman should be willing to economize, and be honest. It is not a time to be selfish. We should seek to bear each other's burdens, encourage one another, and seek to throw as much light as possible into each other's souls; our ancestors were ready to sacrifice cotton. Let them be ready now to sacrifice cotton—rather than buy it of the South, and devise some substitute for it. Patriotism demands that every needful sacrifice should be made, and cheerfully, too.

WOBURN MECHANIC PHALANX.—On Monday thirty-four members of the Phalanx and three men not members, went to Boston and enlisted in the West Cambridge Company. On Tuesday they went to New York, and on Wednesday went to Yonkers, where they expected to join the Mozart Regiment. On reaching that place the disappointment experienced was much like that of the companies who went to Brooklyn. After deliberation they concluded to return, and yesterday morning all but three of the number returned to Boston. These three—John P. Crane, George Wyman, and William P. Brown—joined the squad of ten that left here on Tuesday—direct for Washington. If our boys will use a little more patience they will have an opportunity by and by to go to the Seat of War with troops from their own State.

On Tuesday ten members of the Phalanx, including two Lieutenants, one Sergeant, and one Corporal, started for Washington, hoping to join the 5th Regiment. Rev. Mr. March presented each man with a Testament, and a Testament to each of the squad that left on Monday.

ORGAN CONCERT AT MEDFORD. The Concert at Medford last Monday evening in Rev. Mr. Marvin's church, in connection with the exhibition of the new organ built for the house, was very satisfactory to all present. After the Concert the choir from Woburn, and their friends were invited into one of the Vestry rooms where an elegant entertainment had been prepared for them. The courtesy manifested by the Medford people to their Woburn friends will long be remembered, and should an opportunity occur, will be reciprocated.

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—We are requested by Rev. Mr. March to say that the anniversary exercises of the Sabbath School, connected with his congregation, which were announced for next Sabbath afternoon, will be deferred one week.

REV. Mr. Bowman, the Southern Refugee, will, at the request of several citizens, repeat his Lecture on Tuesday evening next, June 18th, in the vestry of the old Orthodox Church. One half the proceeds will be given to the volunteer fund of Woburn. Let him have a full house.

DEDICATION.—The new church edifice at Medford, erected by Rev. Mr. Marvin's Society, was dedicated to Almighty God last Wednesday afternoon.

GRASS.—The grass crop promises to be unusually good this year. It was predicted last summer that hay would be \$30. per ton before the new crop came in. Instead of this the best of hay brings only from \$18 to \$20.

GEN. BUTLER.—The Boston *Herald* seems a little troubled at the praise bestowed upon Gen. Butler, while other men who would evidently like to be noticed, are passed by in silence. Gen. Butler is a bold, energetic man, and wherever he is something will be done. Be the praise little or much, whatever he has put his hand to thus far in the contest, personally, he has carried through. The first impressions made by Gen. Pierce are not so favorable, and Col. Jones is at least very unpopular with his own men. At this distance from the scene of action, and with the information they possess, the people are hardly qualified to praise or condemn to any great extent.

FOREIGN NEWS.—By the Adriatic we learn that Lord John Russell has announced in Parliament that Government has determined to prevent privateers and armed vessels from bringing prizes into British ports. He also said that France intended to abide by its laws which prohibited privateers from remaining over 24 hours in port, and disposing of their prizes when there. He further stated that England and France had sent propositions to Washington, based on the declaration of the Paris Congress, and expected an answer by every mail.

Prince Napoleon of France, after visiting Africa, Spain, and Portugal, will go to America.

BURGLARY IN LEXINGTON.—The house of Alexander Fiske, in Lexington, was entered on the afternoon of Tuesday, the family being absent, and clothing and jewelry was stolen. The same persons also robbed some person or persons of \$37. Officer Kendall, with his usual promptness, arrested them on the road to Bedford and found them on the clothing taken the day previous, and the money. They were taken before Justice Chandler, and sent to the House of Correction for six months.

HORSE AND CARRIAGE STOLEN.—A horse and carriage was stolen at Newburyport, this week and was traced to Lowell and from thence to Lexington. While sitting in the Hotel, the officer in pursuit saw the team drive up, and immediately arrested the thief and took him back to Newburyport in the same carriage.

PRINCE ALFRED, of England, arrived at Quebec on Wednesday.

HYDROPHOBIA.

The frequent occurrence of this terrible malady, is becoming alarmingly frequent. Last week a case occurred at Saugus, in this State, and the report of another case at Brooks, Me., is now to be added. Why people will continue to keep worthless dogs thereby endangering the lives of their fellow citizens is strange. The danger from them is becoming so great that a law should be enacted forbidding the keeping of them at all, or at least requiring them to be muzzled.

TRouble in Missouri.

Gov. Jackson of Missouri, has issued a proclamation, calling the State troops into service to resist and expel the Federal troops from the State. Warn

ing may be expected there if he attempts to carry out his purpose.

BILLERICA.—ACCIDENT.

On Sunday last, as Mrs. C. S. Brown, of Billerica, a widow, a bolt broke letting the wagon fall and throwing her to the ground, breaking her leg in two places and otherwise injuring her. It is thought she will recover.

COTTON.

Earl Grey, in the House of Lords, pledged the Government to do all in its power to promote the growth of cotton in India.

THIRD DISTRICT ELECTION.

The election in the Third District, last Tuesday, for member of Congress in place of Hon. C. F. Adams, now Minister to London, resulted as follows: Thomas, 2107; Beals, 213; Scatterling, 12.

THE MECHANICAL BAKERY.

This ill-fated establishment, situated on Albany street, Boston, was sold at auction on Saturday last, by order of the Assignees. It was sold for a trifle more than mortgage and interest upon it, and will not be used again as a bakery. Much was expected from it in lowering the price of bread, but it has proved a failure.

THE JACKSON.

Jack, the murderer of Col. Ellsworth, was the person who showed his heroism by cutting off John Brown's ear after he was hung. It is said that he had long been the terror of the union men in Fairhaven county, and headed the first secession gang that drove away Northern and Union families.

REV. MR. MARCH.

Rev. Mr. March will preach at Union Hall, East Woburn, to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

TUFT'S COLLEGE.

Rev. A. A. Miner, of Boston, will probably succeed the late Dr. Ballou, as President of Tuft's College.

SNOW AT THE NORTH.

It is reported that there is an unusual amount of snow among the White Mountains for the season of the year. The cold northerly winds indicate the fact very clearly.

LEWIS' NORMAL INSTITUTE FOR PHYSICAL TRAINING.

We have received the circular of this Institute. It numbers among its directors many of the leading men of Boston and vicinity. Dr. Walter Channing is Prof. of Hygiene, and Dr. Lewis Prof. of Gymnastics. The Institute will undoubtedly prove interesting to those engaged in the physical training of our youth.

READING.

Where is our correspondent Leno? Has he gone to the wars, or are the times so hard that he can find nothing to write? We shall hope to hear from him again.

LEONEY'S LADY'S BOOK.

It is upon our table. It is, as usual, filled with valuable and interesting matter. To meet the present volume, comprising the six best numbers of the year, will be sent to subscribers for One Dollar. For sale at the Woburn Bookstore.

THE PRINTERS.

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MARYLAND ELECTION.

The election in Maryland on Thursday passed off quietly. The following—all Union men—were elected to Congress: John W. Crittenden, Edwin H. Webster, C. L. Leary, Henry May, Francis Thomas, Charles B. Calvert.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

The present is a remarkably healthy time, but we think it can be accounted for to some extent. People are obliged to live plain; they have no money to spend in luxuries; consequently the compensation is found in good health and quiet sleep.

ADAMS' ARITHMETIC.

Mr. Daniel Adams, of Keene, N. H., although in the 89th year of his age, is about to publish a revised edition of his Arithmetic, one of the best books ever given to the public.

THE STARS.

The stoppage of the mails in the States of the General Government makes about \$3,500,000 per annum, as the mail contracts in those States cost that amount more than the receipts of postages.

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WAR ITEMS.—The following is a list of those belonging to Winchester, who have enlisted for the war:—In the 2d Regiment (Col. Gordon's) Company G, Capt. Cary, Ira L. Gore, Charles H. Hazelton, George H. Burnham, Moses Richardson; Company — Capt. Savage, Allen D. Martin; Mr. Gore holds the position of wagon of his company; In the West Cambridge Volunteers, to be attached to the Mozart (N. Y.) Regiment, D. B. Coffin and John Rogers, from the Woburn Phalanx.

BURGLARY.—The residence of Mr. Henry Cutler was forcibly entered, on Friday evening of last week, and silver ware, &c., to the value of one hundred dollars, taken. The burglars effected an entrance through a bay window in the dining room, from whence they took the property mentioned, and also a writing desk belonging to T. S. Holton, which was rifled of its contents (except those in a secret compartment which was not discovered,) and found by the side of a railroad track. Two overcoats and a cloak were taken from the entry. Mrs. Holton was awakened by the noise made by the robbers, but supposed it to be one of the family, and went to sleep. Afterwards she was again awakened and aroused her husband who went down but found the thieves had fled. They probably passed down the railroad track as one of the spoons was found near West Medford.

EXCUSE.

One of the slaves at Newport News, on being questioned as to whether he had run away from his master, replied, "No, golly, massa run away from me! When he see de soldiers comin' he run like de devil; I spee's he's gone to Richmond."

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Over graves where freedom's martyrs sleep,
Columbus' flag must freely wave.

Raise high the bright, auspicious flag,
From every height and lowly glen,
In forest dell, on jutting crag.

As among the haunts of men;
The sparkling bays wide flung,
Shall proudly wave o'er land and sea,
And freedom's anthem sweetly sung,

Shall swell our country's jubilee!

Oh! let the world that fly before!
The emblem of the brave and free!

The brightest crown of streaming gold,
That ticks the Goddess Liberty!

Spread out its folds till heaven's dome

Reverberate the holy sound,

That all oppressed have found a home.

On freedom's consecrated ground.

ADDRESS OF GEN. BUTLER.—We find the following account in *Harper's Weekly*. It is extremely characteristic:

"During the Presidential contest in 1856, Hon. Rufus Choate had been invited to address the Conservative citizens of Lowell. The largest Hall of the city was crowded to excess. The audience was wild with enthusiasm, as the brilliant orator swayed them by his eloquence; but, in the midst of the applause, a jar was felt; a crash was heard, and every face saw one turn pale as the sky went forth, 'The floor is sinking!' The man whose cheek knew no palor was General Butler. He sprang up and calmed the fears of the multitude by telling them that he did not apprehend the least danger; that the architect was present; but to allay any misgivings he would go with the architect and examine the building. An immediate investigation showed that the edifice was in the greatest possible danger, and a sudden movement, a rush on the part of the assembly, would result in the slaughter of thousands. Forgetful of himself, he bravely pushed through the dense crowd. He did not shrink—he showed no marks of trepidation—but with a bland countenance whistled a few apparently pleasant and assuring words to Mr. Choate. Mr. Butler then turned to the audience, and, in a calm, clear voice, remarked: 'My friends, there is no present danger; but as the house is over-crowded, it will be better to adjourn quietly to the open air; and I therefore invite you to the front of the Merrimack House.' The whole thing was accomplished in a few moments. It was only by Mr. Butler's self-possession that the great catastrophe was avoided. On this occasion he showed more cool courage than any battle will ever call into requisition. In the life of Mr. Choate we find what the words were that blandly fell, *sotto voce*, from Mr. Butler, viz.: 'Mr. Choate, I must clear this house, or we shall all be in hell in five minutes!'

ANECDOTES FROM MRS. PIOTZ.—Lord Thurlow was stoning day at his old villa, who thought little of a violence with which he had been long familiar, and "Go to the devil, do!" cries the enraged master; "Go, I say, to the devil!" "Give me a character, my lord," replied the fellow drily; "people like you, know, to have characters from their acquaintance."

Lord Guilford had a habit of saying, "How does the pot boil?" A political opponent, who probably disliked the rough address, when Wilkes and liberty set London madening, called to Lord Guilford across a circle of ladies round the tea-table, and cried exultingly, "Well, my good lord, how does the pot boil now?" "Truth, sir, replied the peer, without hesitation, "just as you gentlemen would wish it to do—sum up most!"

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Spring Thoughts.

— IN HEAVEN.

Beloved! sweet Spring the beautiful, has come;—
Dost hear my whispers in thy far off home?—
(Oh how my heart yearned for thee when I heard
The silent forest wak'd by song of bird.
The robin comes each morning now, and sings
In its glad joyousness, and softly brings
The memory of thy songs; the path is green
That leads to the blue river's brink; between
The dear hills where the moonbeam soft and clear
Falls every day; 'tis where thou wert here,
And where the birds sing as when thou wert here,
Auburn silk with sweet perfume its own!
With silver buds the willow droopeth low;—
Beloved, dost thou the joyous, bright Spring know?
While all these beauties to this earth are given,
Tell me, beloved! is there no change in Heaven?
Are not the green fields greener still? the light
Of the glad sun more beautiful? more bright
The golden streets? the angel's wing
More eager earthward in the sweet, sweet Spring?
The tree of life, more fair its verdure now
That Spring has kissed cold Winter's withered
brow?
Are not the flowers more joyous? and their smile
Mirrored more clearly in the stream of Life
the while?
'Tis all in vain—these questions—it may be
That I have aimed in speaking o'er with thee,
Or then, beloved! knew thou before the Throne,
And let not my weak prayer ascend aoe.

ZELIA GERTRUDE GREY.

Select Literature.

THE NEW CARPET.

"There's no use trying any longer to suit Isaac Parsons," muttered the afore-named individual's better half, as she sat in a corner of the farm kitchen, rapidly divesting a chicken of its feathers; "I've worked and slaved myself to death for his and his', and all the thanks I've had for the last fifteen years has been short words and general growlin', and fault-finding, until now, I'm just determined to stand out and have my own way, or let things take their own course, and he'll find 't, after all, Melissy Talcott has got some spirit in her that can't be crushed out with all his abusin' and aggravation!"

"To think he should have the heart to refuse me a new carpet after he had such good luck with his wheat crop, and I just slaved myself through harvesting and got along with that all!"

"The more that man gets, the stinger he grows, and there isn't a woman among all my acquaintances that would stand such treatment, and I won't. I'll put my foot down from this moment," setting down most emphatically that solid member of her company on the kitchen floor; "if Isaac Parsons won't come to terms, *I'll quit him*—that's all!"

It was a still, serene morning in the early autumn. The kitchen windows were open, and through them came, like golden wings, the sunshine to linger and laugh on the white kitchen floor, and flash along the ceiling, and brighten everything into picturesqueness beauty in that old farm-house kitchen. The song of the birds in their nests among the old bell pear trees, came also through the windows in sweet melodies and jets of music, and so did all those ripe, fragrant, spicy scents, which belong to autumn, and which have always a whisper of the tropics, with their still, statly splendor their groves of balm and forests odorous with gums, and beautiful with all strange and gorgeous blooms.

But better than all this, that autumn morning was one to bring the heart with gratitude and love to God, the Giver of perfect beauty, to calm the human soul into peace, and trust in the wisdom and love which had ordained that day a high priest to man, and its robe was like the robe of Aaron's ephod, all of blue, and its bells were the early winds ringing to and fro in the still air, and on the forehead of the morning was written, so that all eyes might read—"all his works do praise him!"

But Mrs. Melissa Parsons heard and saw none of these things. Down among the fogs and darkness of her own narrow, frugal cares and anxieties, she walked with warped vision and angry thoughts, which seethed and flashed into rebellion and hatred. For her there was no beauty in that autumn day, no token of God's love and care for man in its sweet face—no voice calling her to prayer and praise in the whisper of the winds or the songs of birds.

Mrs. Melissa Parsons had been a remarkably pretty girl in her youth, and thirty-seven years had made her a fair and comely woman.

Her husband was a somewhat phlegmatic man, stubborn and opinionated, and as his early life and social atmosphere had not enlarged nor softened his character, the hardest and most disagreeable part of it expanded with his years. He loved money, and as the aesthetic part of his nature had never been cultivated, he regarded it as wastefulness and extravagance to indulge in much grace of surroundings.

Still there was another side to the man; his affections were deep and tender, and a judicious and loving woman could have reached and influenced him to almost any degree through these. But Mrs. Parsons never understood her husband. She was an impulsive, high-spirited, and really warm-hearted woman, with a good deal of petty social ambition, and she and her husband were constantly jarring each other.

His obstinacy always inflamed her anger, while her imperious temper only hardened him into frosty stubbornness, and so the current of their lives ran most inharmoniously, and was constantly interrupted by jars and bickerings, and angry altercations. That one fair and precious lily of tenderness, whose grace and beauty filled her youth with fragrance, cast its leaves, and at last only the root was left; and what dewa or sunshine should nourish it in a soil that grew more barren year by year—a soil overgrown with thistles, and rank and noisome weeds?

Yet all these years the barns and storehouses, the lands and gold of Isaac Parsons increased, and God sent children—two boys and a girl—to soften the hearts of the father

and mother, and to be to them angels of a new covenant of household peace and tenderness. But, alas! alas! the sweet faces, and all the beautiful ministrations of childhood never accomplished their mission; and, with hearts and tempers fretted, and soured, and worn, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons counted the years going over them, and both felt that their marriage had been a mistake and a misery, and with blind eyes that would not see, and hard hearts that would not understand, each blamed the other and mutual recrimination only produced fresh bitterness.

At last a crisis came. Mrs. Parsons had set her heart that autumn upon a new parlor carpet, which was in nowise unreasonable, and in which her husband ought to have indulged her, but the manner of her request, which was in reality a command, at once roused the inherent stubbornness of the man, and he flatly refused her. Then followed passionate words and angry retorts, till the husband and wife separated with mutual bitterness and rage.

But the man's large fingers were clumsy, and after several ineffectual attempts to accomplish his purpose, Mr. Parsons dropped his hand with an angry grant, that "the thing would not work."

"Let me try, father!" Mrs. Parsons stepped quickly to her husband's side, and in a moment her hand had managed the refractory

carpet, which had strayed over the sunburnt forehead, and the touch of those soft fingers felt very pleasant about the farmer's brow, and woke up in his heart old sweet memories of times when he used to feel them fluttering like a dream through his hair.

He looked on his wife with a softness in his keen eye, which he little suspected. And the softness and the smile stirred a fountain warm and tender in Mrs. Parsons' heart, which for years yielded one drop of its sweet waters. She reached up her lips impulsively, and kissed his cheek. Any one who had witnessed that little domestic scene would scarcely have suspected that the married life of Isaac Parsons and his wife counted three-quarters of a score of years.

The woman's comely face was full of shyness as a girl's of sixteen, and Isaac Parsons seized his hat and plunged out of the house without speaking one word, but with a mixture of amazement and something deeper on his face, not easily described.

But at last he cleared his throat, and mutter to himself, "Melissy shan't repeat that act; I say she shan't!" and when Isaac Parsons said a thing, everybody knew he meant it.

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The sunset of another autumn day was rolling its verdures of purple and gold about the mountains when the wagon of Isaac Parsons rolled into the farm-yard. He had been absent all day in the city, and the supper had been awaiting him nearly an hour, and the children had grown hungry and impatient.

"O, father! what have you got there?"

"They all clattered as he came into the house, tugging along an immense bundle tied with cords.

"It is something for your mother, children," was the unsatisfactory answer.

At this moment Mrs. Parsons entered the kitchen. Her husband snapped the cords, and a breadth of ingrain carpeting rolled upon the floor through whose dark green ground-work trailed a russet vine and golden leaves a most tasteful and graceful pattern.

Isaac Parsons turned to his amazed wife—

"There, Melissy, there's the parlor carpet you asked me for, yesterday mornin'." I reckon there ain't many that will beat it in West Farms."

A quick change went over Mrs. Parsons' face, half of joy, half of something deeper.

"O, Isaac!" She put her arms around his strong man's neck, and burst into tears.

The trio of children stood still, and looked on in solid amazement. I think the sight of their faces was the first thing which recalled Isaac Parsons to himself.

"Come, come, mother," he said, but my tongue had become paralyzed. A new indolence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly, at the unknown visitant. Gradually, the surrounding atmosphere seemed as though becoming filled with sensations, and grew luminous. Everything about me appeared to rouse, the mysterious visitor herself becoming more airy, and yet even more distinct to my sight than before. I now began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany dissolution. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move; all were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing, fixedly, vacantly, at my companion.

At the same time, my visitor extended her arms and forefinger eastwardly. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance, rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay the Atlantic, and between Asia and America the Pacific. "Son of the Republic," said the same mysterious voice as before, "look and learn!"

"At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy being like an angel, standing, or rather doating, in mid-air between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while he cast upon Europe some with his left. Immediately a dark cloud arose from each of these countries, and joined in mid-ocean. For a while it remained stationary, and then moved slowly eastward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning now gleamed throughout it at intervals, and I heard the thunderous groans and cries of the American people.

"A second time the angel dipped from the ocean, and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, into whose heaving waves it sunk from view. A third time I heard the mysterious voice, saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn!"

"I cast my eyes upon America, and beheld villages, towns, and cities springing up, one after another, until the whole land, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, was dotted with them. Again I heard the mysterious voice say, "Son of the Republic, the end of a century cometh—look and learn!"

"Come, then," he contined, "let us go into the Hall; I want to tell you an incident of Washington's life—one which no one knows of except myself, and if you live, you will before long, see it verified. Mark me, I am not superstitious, but you will see it verified."

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"Reaching the visitors' room, in which the sacred relics of our early days are preserved, we sat down upon one of the old-fashioned

boys and a girl burst into the kitchen.

and wooden benches, and my venerable friend related to me the following singular narrative, which, from the peculiarity of our national affairs at the present time, I have been induced to give to the world. I give it as nearly as possible in his own words:

"When the bold action of our Congress, in asserting the independence of the colonies, became known in the world, we were laughed and scoffed at as silly, presumptuous rebels, whom British grenadiers would soon tame into submission; but, undauntedly, we prepared to make good what we had said. The keen encounter came, and the world knows the result. It is easy and pleasant for those of the present generation to talk and write of the days Seventy-Six, but they little know—neither can they imagine—the trials and sufferings of those fearful days. And there is one thing that I much fear, and that is, that the American people do not properly appreciate the boon of freedom. Party spirit is yearly becoming stronger and stronger, and, unless it is checked, will, at no distant day, undermine and tumble into ruins the noble structure of the Republic. But let me hasten to my narrative.

"From the opening of the Revolution, we experienced all phases of fortune—now good and now ill, at one time victorious, and at another conquered. The darkest period we had, however, was I think, when Washington, after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of '77. Ah! I have often seen the tears coursing down our dear old commander's care-worn cheeks as he would be conversing with a confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington going to the ticket to pray. Well, it is not truly true, but it is used often to pray in secret for aid and comfort from that God the interposition of whose divine providence alone brought us safely through those dark days of tribulation.

"One day, I remember it well—the chilly wind whistled and howled through the leafless trees, though the sky was cloudless and the sun shinng brightly—he remained in his quarters nearly the whole of the afternoon, alone. When he came out, I noticed that his face was a shade paler than usual, and that there seemed to be something on his mind of more ordinary importance. Returning to the door of the Washington going to the ticket to pray. Well, it is not truly true, but it is used often to pray in secret for aid and comfort from that God the interposition of whose divine providence alone brought us safely through those dark days of tribulation.

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SOMETHING TO DO.

Sad indeed is the lot of the man or woman who has nothing to do. Many people, however, are so busy in doing nothing that they, perhaps, would not be willing to reckon themselves among those who have nothing to do.

One of the greatest blessings that can fall to the lot of any one is a plenty of employment in some honorable calling. No man better enjoys his food, or sleeps sweeter at night than he whose brow has been bathed with sweat while following the plough, using the spade or hoe, swinging the scythe, or plowing the tools of the artisan and mechanic. Such men are worth something to themselves and to the community in which they live. They are not mere consumers, but they are producers also. They are men in the true sense of the term, and have a right to hold up their heads as becomes men. How different are those who have nothing to do who seek to kill time by lounging in stores, shops, or wherever people meet for business. The employment of collecting and distributing the news and petty scandal of the day—call it by no harsher name—is not a very honorable or very profitable calling. It will not help to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, or alleviate the grief of the sorrowful hearted.

There is something for us all to do, at all times, let business be as it may—whether prosperous or dull. We have intellectual and moral natures to cultivate that are capable of infinite expansion. It is for us to say whether they shall be overruled and choked with the weeds of passion and error, through our own idleness, or whether we will improve each moment that can be spared from business in strengthening our minds, enlarging the boundaries of our knowledge, and in cultivating those moral affections and graces by means of which alone we become like Him who went about doing good. Every man ought so to cultivate his moral nature that it would cause him to experience profound sorrow to learn that any one had been found swerving from the path of rectitude and moral integrity. And yet how many there are that gloat and rejoice over the shortcomings or the reported failings of others. They are never more happy, apparently, than when they are carrying about evil rumors concerning their fellow men.

There is a plenty for us all to do, better far than this, infinitely more honorable, and worthy the attention of immortal beings. There are severe battles to be fought at the seat of war in this country, but there are severer conflicts to be met and that must be met in the hearts of every one of us, if we seek in earnest to overcome all that is wrong within us. We must shut out the evil spirit of jealousy, envy, slander, and their attendant legions, or we shall be led captive at their will. If our minds are turned upon objects of thought that are purifying and ennobling, we shall thereby be advancing in what gives dignity and true nobleness to manhood, and shall be shielded from much that, once admitted into the mind and the heart, will do infinite harm, and cannot be cast out without a struggle, long and often renewed.

In this calamitous period of our country's history, in this time of trial such as none of us have seen before, when there is laid upon each one as much as he can well bear, let us seek to lighten one another's burdens, to alleviate each other's sorrows, and thus fulfill that divine precept—Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.

Second N. H. Regiment.

The Second Regiment of N. H. Volunteers, Col. Gilman Marston, arrived in Boston on Thursday noon. They were received at the Eastern Railroad depot, by "The Sons of New Hampshire" in Boston. Escort duty was performed by the Independent Corps of Cadets. The Regiment proceeded through several of the principal streets of the city, headed by Gilmore's Full Band to the Music Hall, where a collation had been prepared for them by "The Sons." Gov. Berry, Ex-Gov. Goodwin, and many other men connected with the State government of N. H. were present, and added vastly to the imposing military pageant. "The Sons" occupied the galleries of the Music Hall. The Regiment was introduced to "The Sons" by Col. A. O. Brewster, a native of Lancaster, N. H., and the speech of welcome was made by Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, the President of "The Sons." Col. Marston replied in a very felicitous manner.

After the collation, the Regiment was reviewed on the Common by Gov. Berry of N. H., and Gov. Andrew, attended by their staff officers. The Regiment numbers 1040 men. They are youthful in appearance, but march with steadiness and firmness that would do honor to older troops. The impression left by them upon the military men who saw them, is most satisfactory. They took their departure from Boston at 4 o'clock at the Old Colony Depot, in twenty-two passenger and two baggage cars. They have twenty large baggage wagons to carry their camp equipage, and a Hospital Ambulance. These wagons, drawn by 60 horses, passed through Woburn on Wednesday. While stopping to give their horses drink, the drivers were plentifully supplied with a lunch by residents of N. H. The men remarked on reaching Boston, that Woburn was the only

place where they had received such whole-souled attention since they left Concord, N. H.

The Regiment is one of which N. H. and her sons, wherever they are, may feel proud. They will do their duty, and will not falter when the hour of trial comes.

NATIONAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION.—The Association held a very interesting meeting last Tuesday evening, at the house of Rev. Dr. Stebbins. The subject was the Natural Order of plants—Ranunculaceæ. Most of the species of this order growing in Massachusetts, were upon the table for examination. We mention the following:—Heptacodium, out of flower—from Stoneham; Thalictrum amoenoides; Ranunculus aquatilis, (White Water-Crowfoot,) from Stoneham; R. abortivus; R. recurvus; R. repens; R. bulbosus; R. acris; pressed specimens; R. friseocularis; (early Crowfoot,); Aquilegia Canadensis, (Wild Columbine,); and Actea spicata, var. alba, (White Crowfoot,). The next meeting will occur in two weeks, at the house of Rev. Mr. Bronson. The subject will be Entomology. This last named subject has engaged the attention of the Association the past winter, and the members have found it very interesting. The great difficulty experienced in the pursuit of this branch of Natural History is the want of a suitable text book. When the work of the late Dr. Harris, which is now in press, is published, better facilities will be afforded the Entomologist. This work has been edited and illustrated by Prof. Agassiz, to meet a want that has long been felt in Natural History.

STONEHAM RIFLE COMPANY.—The Stoneham Gray Eagles, Capt. J. P. Gould, visited Woburn on Wednesday afternoon, marching into the village through Railroad street. They passed down Main street, through Warren street to Thompsonville, and from thence to the common, where somewhat unexpectedly to them, we presume, they met with a pretty smart "brush." As they had staked their arms they were in no very good condition to repel, and so bore it patiently and calmly. This being over, Capt. Gould was notified that a collation—such as the very short notice of their visit had enabled the citizens to prepare—was awaiting them at the Town Hall. Without ceremony the company and their Stoneham friends present, together with a goodly number of the citizens of Woburn, proceeded to the Hall. Mr. A. Haslam, in a brief but patriotic speech bade Capt. Gould and his Company a hearty welcome, and invited them to make an immediate attack upon the tables before them. Their march through the heat and dust had evidently well prepared them to relish what was spread before them.

After the collation they returned to the common, and spent some time in drilling. Their loading and firing, while lying upon the ground, in Zouave style, attracted much attention. On the arrival of the Woburn Phalanx from the west part of the town, where they had spent the afternoon in target shooting, both companies marched to the Wyman lot on Main street, where the Eagles continued their drill and evolutions till a little after nine o'clock. They then started for home, being escorted by the Phalanx to Wood's Hill.

The company presented a very fine appearance, being composed of men of very nearly the same height, muscular and active. Had a knowledge of their intended visit been more widely known, a much larger number of our citizens would have turned out to see them and to greet them. If their visit was as pleasant to them as it was to the people of Woburn, they must have enjoyed their trip. If this company goes to the war it will make its mark if it gets a chance. Stoneham is standing in the front rank in helping put down the Southern rebellion, and can justly appropriate to herself a full share of the honor that is resting upon the good old Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ORGAN CONCERT AND DEDICATION AT MEDFORD.—The concert at the opening of the new organ of the First Trinitarian Church (Rev. Mr. Marvin's), on Monday evening, 10th inst., was a grand affair. Mr. Whiting, the organist, and the choir from Woburn, did themselves great credit. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and all expressed themselves as delighted with the organ and the whole performance. The organ was built by Sirs Stevens & Jewett, of Boston, and is certainly a very superior one. It is ample for the church, has a very prompt and flexible movement, and its tone is so pure and sweet that one of the most accomplished organists, who happened to be present, remarked that a bad sound could not be made from it.

The dedication services took place on Wednesday, June 12, and were highly appropriate and interesting. Master Henry Hadley presided at the organ, and it was thought that he brought out the power of the organ even more prominently than Mr. Whiting had done, and the choir of the congregation performed their part admirably. Certainly the music of this congregation will be of a superior order.

The order of exercises was as follows: 1st—Voluntary on the Organ; 2d—Invocation, by Rev. G. M. Preston; 3d—Chant; 4th—Reading of Scripture, by Rev. Daniel May; 5th—Original Hymn, beautifully aluding to the burning of the "former Temple"; 6th—Hymn; 7th—Sermone, by Rev. C. Bodwell; 8th—Hymn; 9th—Sermone, by Rev. E. P. Marvin, an able performance showing the true idea of a sanctuary in contrast with the false, and giving an historical defense of the church as in reality the original church established in 1713, though compelled to change the organization in 1823, yet preserving the doctrines, spirit, and worship continuously, giving the claim to be called the "First Trinitarian Church" from the first to the present; 10th—Dedicatory Prayer, by Rev. William Barrows, of Reading, a most remarkable effort in its appropriateness, scriptural thoroughness, fervency and ability; 10th—Anthem; 11—Benediction, by Rev. A. E. Kittridge.

Many clergymen and friends from the neighboring churches were present, and without exception they seemed to be well pleased with the proportions of the church, and with the plain, yet neat, appropriate and rich finish and furniture, both of the audience-room and of the vestries.

GUY JACKSON.—It is stated that a warrant is out for the arrest of Gov. Jackson of Missouri, for treason. If caught he will stand no chance to escape a halter. It is indeed fortunate that such a man as Gen. Lyon is at the head of the Federal troops there.

The Virginian's asserts that General Beauregard actually visited the Federal camp at Alexandria in disguise.

The common expression was, "it is in excellent taste throughout and is good enough for anybody." And yet this large church cost only \$13,000, more than half of which was provided for by the insurance on the building and by the ladies' fair. Nearly one-

third of the hundred pews were sold on the day of the dedication. Why then should forty or sixty thousand dollar churches ever be built, and congregations be loaded with twenty and forty thousand dollar debts?—Traveller.

I rejoice, Mr. Editor, that our Medford friends have been enabled to erect a new church so speedily and so cheaply, in the place of the one they lost by fire. But I do not see why they should, at the close of their graduations, turn round and throw stones at other people. If any reply is necessary to the enquiry at the close of the article above quoted, it may be said that, although the new church just dedicated at Medford is a very neat, appropriate and cheaply built chapel, entirely adapted to the wants of the congregation worshipping in it, still it would not be just the thing for a congregation whose average attendance on the Sabbath is three or four times as large as the number present at the dedication of this house. There are those who think one large and strong society preferable to two small ones, of the same denomination, in the same place. This necessitates the erection of what may be truly called "large churches," promotes good feeling and the growth both of the religious body and of the town in which they are situated. Things that cost the least are not always the cheapest. We are accustomed to value things very much according to the price we pay for them. It has been found that those societies whose funded property reduces their expenses to a minimum, are apt to lose their energy and fail to please. Small societies can shoulder considerable burdens, and large societies, it is presumed, are able to do as much in proportion. But the First Parish in Woburn would not have been true to its own interests, had it erected a edifice corresponding in price and dimensions to that under notice.

Of the organ concert I have nothing to say, further than to express a little surprise that the organist and choir received only a line or two of notice, while the thousand dollar organ received quite an airing. The comparison of the playing of one of the best organists in the United States, with that of a young tyro schoolboy, as the title *Muster* indicates, is quite *recherche*. I understand that the audience at the dedication numbered about three hundred, **

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.—As the time for the public examinations of the several schools in this and adjoining towns is near at hand, we take occasion to suggest that the reports of them, if furnished as usual for our columns, be short and to the point. The necessary sameness from term to term and from year to year, render this the more necessary. Whatever is new, or particularly interesting should be brought forward, and common place matters be passed over briefly.

PARADE FOR TARGET PRACTICE.—Last Wednesday afternoon, the Phalanx turned out and marched to the west part of the town for target practice. The company numbered 50 men under Capt. Winn, and escorted the members—50 in number—under the command of Major Pierce. Judging from the appearance of the targets on the return of the company, the shots were exceedingly good, Winn, Miles took the silver medal for the best shot.

FOR THE WAR.—On Thursday ten more members of the Phalanx started for the seat of war. They took the 24 o'clock train from Lowell at Winchester, expecting to go on Boston with the 2d N. H. Regiment. The following are the names of the men: T. F. Warland, M. M. Hovey, Josiah Leath, Jr., J. W. Smith, J. F. Jeffords, J. M. Maxwell, John E. Tidd, B. T. Livingston, Robert Pemberton, C. F. Mulliken,

They hope to find places in the 5th Regiment, now in Virginia.

CAPT. DIKE.—Capt. John H. Dike, of the Stoneham Light Infantry, who was wounded at Baltimore on the 15th of April, visited Woburn on Wednesday. He walks with crutches, but says his wound is doing well.

One thing is certain the ball in its passage through his thigh did not carry away any of his courage and patriotism, but apparently carried in and left a large amount. He is as true steel, and evidently long to be at the post of honor which is the post of duty and danger.

LARGE TURTLE.—Mr. R. Gilman, in the employ of A. Thompson & Co., caught a large turtle last Wednesday, in the pond at their tannery, weighing 224 pounds, and measuring from head to tail a little over three feet, and one foot across the back. He has been seen at various times during the past seven years, but all attempts to capture him have been unavailing hitherto.

PICKPOCKET ARRESTED.—We learn from the *Advertiser* that "Sylvanus Wood Esq., a venerable citizen of Woburn, went to the Common yesterday afternoon, accompanied by his wife, to see the Maine regiment. While attempting to get a position near the lines he felt a hand in his right hand trouser pocket attempting to abstract his wallet. He looked around and saw a young man taking his wallet away rapidly. He raised an alarm, and Sergeant Clifford of the Fourth Station Police, chased the supposed pickpocket up Charles street and nabbed him. His name is Thomas Smith, and, after examination in the Police Court, was held in \$100 to the Superior Court."

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for July is promptly upon our table. Its contents are unusually interesting. The articles upon Emancipation in Russia; The Ordeal by Battle; Washington as a Camp; and Ellsworth, will cause it to be read extensively. For the part of June 1, 1861, it is

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WINCHESTER.

For the Middlesex Journal.

SCHOOLS.—The annual examination of the High School took place on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning of last week. Thursday afternoon was occupied by the recitations of the several classes in the various branches of study. Friday morning the exercises were more of a general character and came off in the following order: Reading by Masters Cate, Sanborn and Skillings, Misses Taylor, Lindley and Cate; selected from the different classes; composition by Miss Ella Stanton, subject, "There is no new thing under the sun;" composition by Miss Ellen E. Morse; class in Virgil; the "High School Offering," edited by Miss Abbie F. Johnson, and read by the editor, containing articles entitled "Better times coming," "Young America vs. Pedagogue," "Angels of the Fireside," "Winter Scenery," together with several conundrums, and other pieces; composition by Master James L. Hansan, subject, "The Radical and Conservative;" class in Rhetoric; the "Schools' Voice," edited by Miss Vreeland, and read by the Editor, containing an amusing article on the "Dutch Nightingale," commonly known as the "Frog Prince," "An exciting Adventure," "A rainy day," "From the Old Store," conundrums, and other amusing and interesting articles; reading, "Paul Revere's ride," by Master Langley; some poetry on Scripture personages, by Master Skillings; "The Angels do always behalf the face of their Heavenly Father," by Miss Emily A. Bond; composition by Miss Mary W. Ford, subject, "Conversion, what it should be;" composition by Miss Mary L. Hansan, subject, "Our School Days." This closed the exhibition which was witnessed by a large number of the parents, friends and former graduates of the school. Mr. S. A. Holt of the Committee, expressed his gratification at the result of the examination. Their deportment would do credit to Andover or Hadley. The recitations were excellent and their translations remarkably correct. Their examination in Rhetoric evinced a retentive memory on the part of some which would prove of great benefit. He hoped they would improve the long vacation (11 weeks) and be much benefited thereby, as many of them bore the marks of close application to their studies. Mr. Salem Wilder of the Committee, spoke of the importance of studying the languages and thereby understanding the exact meaning of every word. The members of the graduating class which consisted of James Ira Hanson in the Classical department, and Sarah Webster Ford and Mary Isabella Hanson in the English department, were then presented, by Rev. Mr. Robinson, the chairman of the Committee, with the usual diploma certifying to the completion of their studies. In presenting them he remarked, that he had but two words to offer,—congratulation and caution. He congratulated them on reaching the goal for which they had so long been toiling. The class with which they commenced, was one of the largest that had ever entered the school, but from various causes, they were the only ones remaining. He cautioned them not to think that their education was completed; it had just begun. Their whole life was a school. They should not live to themselves alone, but grow in knowledge and in every Christian grace, and strive to make themselves useful in the world and when called from earth, receive the welcome of "Well done, good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of your Lord." The whole number of the school this term, 46, average attendance, 33; over 15 years of age, 31; present at every session, 25; days in the term, 59; not been tardy through the term, 45. The graduating class with the addition of Miss Augusta M. Spaulding who leaves the school, but has not on account of sickness completed the full course of studies which alone entitled her to a diploma, presented the Principal of the school, Mr. Thomas Emerson with "The Works of Charles Lamb, London Edition, Royal Octavo size,"—and to Miss Nancy P. Dodge the accomplished and popular Assistant, "Hymns of the Ages," compiled by Rev. Dr. Huntington, an elegant edition. In reference to this school nothing more need be said than that it maintains the reputation which it has attained, through the faithful and persevering efforts of its teachers. Some of the compositions showed considerable talent, and the recitations in the different branches evinced that thoroughness which is so very essential to success. The quarterly examination of the remaining schools will take place in the following order, and at the time stated, viz.—Thursday morning, June 27th, Mystic and Rumford; afternoon, Gifford and Adams; Friday June 28th, morning, Hill and Primary; afternoon, Washington and Wyman. Examination of candidates for the High School on Saturday morning June 29th in the usual form.

WAR ITEMS.—The volunteers from our village who joined the Webster Regiment have been honorably discharged on their own application, they not seeing any immediate prospect of being called into active service in the field, and not liking the idea of going into camp. Since they left however, the Regiment has been accepted by the Government and will be sent off to the seat of war as soon as ready. Albin Martin who enlisted in a Company in the Gordon Regiment has been discharged. D. B. Coffin who went on to join the Mozart (N. Y.) Regiment returned last Sunday, not being satisfied with the appearance of affairs connected with it. This leaves only some five or six volunteers from this town that are really enlisted. The Selectmen have decided to pay the families of this town the sum of four dollars per week for the present. Should circumstances require it, however, a larger amount will be paid, and such families will not be allowed to suffer for want of the absence of those to whom they looked for maintenance and support.

WEDDING.—The usual monotony which pervades the doings in this place, was something enlivened by a wedding which came off on Tuesday afternoon last, at the residence of one of our prominent citizens on Main street. The parties were Col. John H. Gage of Nashua, N. H., commander of the Governor's Horse Guards, a well known and respected citizen of that city, and Miss Julia, only daughter of William C. Boon Esq., of this town. A select company of relatives and intimate friends were present, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Robinson of this town assisted by Rev. Mr. Hill of Nashua. The costumes of the bride and her maid were very beautiful, and the whole affair passed off in the best style. The wedding took place about 2 o'clock, after which they received the congratulations of the company and ended in a pleasant social

time. Late in the afternoon, the new married couple left for Boston where they tarried one night and then continued their wedding tour to New York. The best wishes of their numerous friends attend them.

EXCUSE.

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Miscellaneous.

June.

June marks the woodland fest,
And gleams in the distant blue;
The winds are full of its incense,
The flowers have caught its hue.

The spindles are bright with its verdure,
Its blossoms are on the trees,
And the cry of the joyous swallow
Desounds from the homestead caves.

I mark how the streamlet sparkles
Afar in the pleasant mead,
Where the sunlight warm is lying,
And the quiet cattle feed.

I list to the birds that are singing
As I stand in the whirling breeze,
And the borders of life grow lighter,
"and my heart feels young again.

The songs I heard in my childhood,
When life was the dream of a boy,
And still they wake in my fancy
The old, faded hope of joy.

The birds, the breeze and the sunshine,
A reprise of sorrow beget,
And whisper, away with thy sadness,
And banish thy vain regret.

The forms of the dim old mountains,
And the dome of the bending skies,
With the beautiful scenes around me,
Make earth seem a paradise.

Sweet June! thou art surely welcome,
Suggestive of rest are thy days,
And thy landscapes are ever the fairest
That the hand of nature displays.

—Portland Transcript.

Obeying Orders—Advice to Volunteers.

The following letter, written by a gentleman to his son, a young volunteer, contains some good advice. We quote:

"In the first place, then, my son, when a soldier shoulders his rifle under the flag of his country, he must surrender to that country his will, his whims, tastes, fancies and prejudices; and the first, highest and most solemn duty he owes to that country is the most implicit and prompt obedience to the orders of his superior officers. Disobedience, even in matters of minor gravity, frequently forfeits life. If an order is issued, that must be the end of inquiry. The success of a battle or campaign may depend upon the concealment of the purpose of the command; and it may become necessary to punish with death an omission to observe that which may seem to be a very unimportant order to the soldier who does not understand it."

"Frederick the Great once ordered the lights of the camp to be extinguished at 8 o'clock, and on seeing a light burning in the tent of an officer, after that hour had elapsed, he repaired thither in person, and entered the tent just as the officer had finished writing his wife's name on the back of a letter he had written to her. He told the emperor he had unconsciously violated the law for one moment, and it was done in the enthusiasm of affection, with which he had been overcome by thoughts of home. 'Unreal that letter,' said the Emperor, 'and write as I dictate.' The officer obeyed, and wrote as follows:

"P. S.—Die to morrow morning at 8 o'clock, for violating the laws of the camp, by not extinguishing the light in my tent at the precise time I was commanded to do it."

"That decision may have seemed savage and barbarous, but when your intellect shall have matured to the comprehension of how much depends upon subordination and a rigid adherence to the laws of the camp, you will see that Frederick could only be just to the thousands of lives under his care by assuming the appearance of cruelty to this one delinquent."

"Obedience is not scrupility—it is duty. It is, therefore, not cowardly, but honorable. The camp is no place for the soft manners of the drawing-room, and soldiers are proverbially blunt; therefore do not imagine if an officer speaks sharply to you, that he wants to insult you or broach you."

Sanitary Directions.

Upon the recommendation of the Medical Commission, Governor Andrew has ordered the publication of the following:

Soldiers should recollect that in a campaign, where one dies in a battle from three to five die of disease. You should be on your guard, therefore, against the enemy, and you can do much more for yourselves than anybody can do for you.

1. Avoid especially the use of ardent spirits. If you will take them, then rather after fatigue than before. But tea and coffee are much better. Those who use ardent spirits are always the first to be sick, and the most likely to die.

2. Avoid drinking freely of very cold water, especially when hot or fatigued, or immediately after meals. Water quenches thirst better when not very cold, and sipped in moderate quantities slowly—though less agreeable. At meals, tea, coffee, and chocolate are best. Between meals, the less the better. The safest in hot weather is molasses and water with ginger, or small beer.

3. Avoid all excess and irregularities in eating and drinking. Eat sparingly of salt and smoked meats, and make it up by more vegetables, as squash, potatoes, peas, rice, hominy, Indian meal, etc., when you can get them. Eat little between when you have plenty at meals.

4. Wear flannel all over, in all weathers. Have it washed often when you can—when not, have it hung up in the sun. Take every opportunity to do the same by all your clothing, and keep everything about your person dry, especially when it is cold.

5. Do not sit, and especially do not sleep upon the ground, even in hot weather. Spread your blanket upon hay, straw, shavings, brushwood, or anything of the kind. If you sleep in the day, have some extra covering over you.

6. Sleep as much as you can, and when ever you can. It is better to sleep too warm than too cold.

7. Recollect that cold and dampness are great breeders of disease. Have a fire to sit around whenever you can, especially in the evening, and after rain, and take care to dry everything in and about your persons and tents.

8. Take every opportunity of washing the whole body with soap and water. Rub well afterwards. If you bathe, remain in the water but a little while.

9. If disease begins to prevail, wear a bandage of white flannel around the bowels.

10. Keep in the open air, but not directly exposed to a hot sun. When obliged to do this, a thin, light, white covering over the head and neck in the form of a cap with a tassel, is a good protection.

11. Wear shoes with very thick soles, and keep them dry. When on the march, rubbing the feet after washing with oil, fat, or tallow, protects against foot sores.

Dixie.—A correspondent of the New Orleans *Delta* says that it is a common error that "I wish I was in Dixie" is a Southern song, and offers the following expansion:

"Now I do not wish to spoil a pretty illusion, but the real truth is that Dixie is an indigenous Northern negro refrain, as common to the writer as the lamp-posts in New York city seventy or seventy-five years ago. It was one of the every-day illusions of boys at that time in all of their out-door sports, and no one ever heard of Dixie's land being other than Manhattan Island until recently, when it has been erroneously supposed to refer to the South from its connection with patriotic negro alleys.

When slavery existed in New York, one 'Dixy' owned a large tract of land on Manhattan Island and a large number of slaves. The increase of the slaves and the increase of the abolition sentiment caused an emigration of the slaves to more thorough and secure slave sections, and the negroes who were thus sent off (many being born there) naturally looked back to their old homes, where they had lived in clover, with feelings of regret, as they could not imagine any place like Dixie's. Hence it became synonymous with an ideal locality, combining ease, comfort, and material happiness of every description. In those days negro singing and minstrelsy were in their infancy, and any subject that could be wrought into a ballad was eagerly picked up. This was the case with 'Dixie.' It originated in New York, and assumed the proportions of a song there. In its travel it has been enlarged, and has gathered moss, until it is now a large, well-ribbed, and well-leafed tree.

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Poetry.

Rock me to Sleep.

Backward, turn backward, O Time! in your flight,
Make me a child again—just for to night!
Mother, come back from the grave,
Take me to your heart again as of yore;
Also from my forehead the furrows of care,
Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair;
Over the slumbers your loving watch keep—
Rock me to sleep, mother—rock me to sleep!

Backward, how backward, O swift tide of years;
I am weary of toil, I am weary of years;
Toil without compensation, toil in vain,
Toil that brings no home, my childhood again!
I have grown weary of dust and decay,
Weary of flinging my soul wealth away,
Weary of sowing for others to reap—
Rock me to sleep, mother—rock me to sleep!

Tired of the hollow, the base, the untrue;
Mother, O mother! my heart calls for you!
Many a summer the grass has given green,
Many a winter the snow has given white;
Yet, with brooks, yearnings and passionate pain,
Long I to night for your presence again;
Come from the silence so long and so deep—
Rock me to sleep, mother—rock me to sleep!

Over my heart the days that are flown,
No love like mother love ever has shone;
No other worship abides and endures,
Faithful, foolish, and patient like yours;
No other name can claim a true pain,
From the sorrowing soul and the world-wearied brain;

Slumber soft calms o'er my heavy lids creeps—
Rock me to sleep, mother—rock me to sleep!

Come, let your brown hair, just lighted with gold,
Fall on your silver bosom again as of old;
Shutting my eyes from the flickering light—
For o'er it with its sunny-edged shadows, come more,
Haply will throng the sweet visions of yore;
Loovingly, softly, its bright halloos sweep—
Rock me to sleep, mother—rock me to sleep!

Mother, dear mother! the years have been long
Since last I was lured by your lullaby song;
Long, then, and long!—no mortal it shall seem
With you to sleep, for you have been a dream;
Clasp to your arms in a loving embrace,
With your soft, light lashes just sweeping my face;
Never before to wake or to weep—
Rock me to sleep, mother—rock me to sleep!

Select Literature.

HORROR: A TRUE TALE.

I was but nineteen years of age when the incident occurred which has thrown a shadow over my life; and, alack! how many and many a weary year has dragged by since then! I, young, happy, and beloved I was in those long-departed days. They said that I was beautiful. The mirror now reflects a haggard old woman, with ashen lips and face of deadly pallor. But do not fancy that you are listening to a mere puling lament. It is not the flight of years that has brought me to be this wretched of my former self; had it been so I could have borne the loss cheerfully, patiently, as the common lot of all; but it was no natural progress of decay which has robbed me of bloom, of youth, of the hopes and joys that belong to youth, snatched the link that bound my heart to another's, and doomed me to a lone old age. I try to be patient, but my cross has been heavy, and my heart is empty and weary, and I long for the death that comes so slowly to those who pray to die.

I will try and relate, exactly as it happened, the event which blighted my life. Though it occurred many years ago, there is no fear that I should have forgotten any of the minutest circumstances: they were stamped on my brain too clearly and burningly, like the brand of a red-hot iron. I see them written in the wrinkles of my brow, in the dead whiteness of my hair, which was a glossy brown once, and has known no gradual change from dark to gray, from gray to white, as with those gray ones who were the companions of my girlhood, and whose honored age is soothed by the love of children and grand-children. But I must not envy them. I only meant to say that the difficulty of my task has no connection with want of memory—I remember but too well. But as I take the pen my hand trembles, my head sways, the old rushing faintness and Horror comes over me again, and the well-remembered fear is upon me. Yet I will go on.

This, briefly is my story: I was a great heiress, I believe, though I cared not for the fact; but so it was. My father had great possessions, and no son to inherit after him. His three daughters, of whom I was the youngest, were to share the broad acres among them. I have said, and truly, I cared little for this circumstance; and, indeed, I was so rich then in health and youth, and love that I felt myself quite indifferent to all else. The possession of all the treasures of earth could never have made up for what I then had—and lost, as I am about to relate. Of course, we knew that we were heiresses, but I do not think Lucy and Minnie were any the prouder or the happier on that account. I knew I was not. Reginald did not count me for my money. Of that I fear as much as he shrank from my side after the change. Yes, in all my lonely age, I can still be thankful that he did not keep his word, as some would have done—not did not at the altar if hand he had learned to loath and shudder at, because it was full of gold—much gold! At least, he spared me that. And I know that I was loved, and the knowledge has kept me from going mad through many a weary day and restless night, when my hot eyeballs had not a tear to shed, and even to weep was a luxury denied me.

Our house was an old Tudor mansion. My father was very particular in keeping the smallest peculiarities of his home unaltered. Thus the many peeks and gables, the numerous turrets, and the mulioned windows with their quaint loge panes set in lead, remained very nearly as they had been three centuries back. Over and above the quaint melancholy of our dwelling, with the deep woods of its park and the sullen waters of the mere, our neighborhood was thickly peopled and primitive, and the people round us were ignorant, and tenacious of ancient ideas and traditions. Thus it was a superstitious atmosphere that we children were reared in,

and we heard, from our infancy, countless tales of horror, some mere fables, doubtless others legends of dark deeds of the olden time, exaggerated by credulity and the love of the marvelous. Our mother had died when we were young, and our other parent being, though a kind father, much absorbed in affairs of various kinds, as an active magistrate and landlord, there was no one to check the unwholesome stream of tradition with which our plastic minds were inundated in the company of nurses and servants. As years went on, however, the old ghostly tales partially lost their effects, and our un-disciplined minds were turned more toward balls, dress, and partners, and other matters airy and trivial, more welcome to our riper age. It was at a county assembly that Reginald and I first met—met and loved. Yes, I am sure that he loved me with all his heart. It was not as deep a heart as some, I have thought in my grief and anger; but I never doubted its truth and honesty. Reginald's father and mine approved of our growing attachment; and as for myself, I know I was so happy then, that I look back upon those fleeting moments as some delicious dream. I now come to the change. I have lingered on my childhood reminiscences, my bright and happy youth, and now I must tell the rest—the bright and the sorrow.

It was Christmas, always a joyful and a hospitable time in the country, especially in such an old hall as our home, where quaint customs and frolics were much clung to, as part and parcel of the very dwelling itself.

The hall was full of guests—so full, indeed, that there was great difficulty in providing sleeping accommodation for all. Several narrow and dark chambers in the turrets—mere pigeon-holes, as we irreverently called what had been thought good enough for the stately gentleman of Elizabeth's reign—were now allotted to bachelor visitors, after having been empty for a century. All the spare rooms in the body and wings of the hall were occupied, of course; and the servants who had been brought down were lodged at the farm and at the keeper's, so great was the demand for space. At last the unexpected arrival of an elderly relative, who had been asked months before, but scarcely expected, caused great commotion. My aunts went about wringing their hands distractingly. Lady Speldhurst was a personage of some consequence; she was a distant cousin, and had been for years on cool terms with us all, on account of some fancied affront or slight when she had paid her last visit, about the time of my christening. She was seventy years old; she was infirm, rich, and testy; moreover, she was my godmother, though I had forgotten the fact; but it seems that though I had formed no expectations of a legacy in my favor, my aunts had done so for me. Aunt Margaret was especially eloquent on the subject. "There isn't a room left," she said; "was ever anything so unfortunate? We cannot put Lady Speldhurst into the turrets, and yet where is she to sleep? And Rosa's godmother, too! Poor dear child, how dreadful! After all these years of estrangement, and with a hundred thousand in the funds, and no comfortable, warm room at her unlimited disposal—and Christmas, of all times in the year!" What was to be done? My aunts could not resign their own chambers to Lady Speldhurst, because they had already given them up to some of the married guests. My father was the most hospitable of men, but he was rheumatic, gouty, and methodical. His sisters-in-law dared not propose to shift his quarters; and, indeed, he would have far sooner dined on prison fare than have been translated to a strange bed. The matter ended in my giving up my room. I had a strange reluctance to making the offer, which surprised myself. Was it a boding of evil to come? I can not say. We are strangely and wonderfully made. It may have been. At any rate, I do not think it was any selfish unwillingness to make an old and infirm lady comfortable by a trifling sacrifice. I was perfectly healthy and strong. The weather was not cold for the time of year. It was a dark, moist Yale—not a snowy one, though snow broaded overhead in the darkling clouds. I did make the offer, which became me, I said with a laugh, as the youngest. My sisters laughed too, and made a jest of my evident wish to propitiate my godmother. "She is a fairy godmother, Rosa," said Minnie; "and you know she was affronted at your christening, and went away muttering vengeance. Here she is coming back to see you; I hope she brings golden gifts with her." I thought little of Lady Speldhurst and possible golden gifts. I cared nothing for the wonderful fortune in the funds that my aunts whispered and nodded about so mysteriously. But since then I have wondered whether, had I then shown myself peevish or obstinate—had I refused to give up my room for the expected kinswoman—it would not have altered the whole of my life? But then Lucy or Minnie would have said to me, "better that the blow should have fallen as it did than on those dear ones."

The chamber to which I was removed was a dim little triangular room in the western wing, and was only to be reached by traversing the picture-gallery, or by mounting a little flight of stone stairs which led directly upward from the low-browed arch of a door that opened into the garden. There was one more room on the same landing-place, and this was a mere receptacle for broken furniture, shattered toys, and all the lumber that will accumulate in a few weeks. The room I was to inhabit for a few nights was a tapestry-hung apartment, with faded green curtains of some costly stuff, contrasting oddly with the new carpet, and the bright, fresh hangings of the bed, which had been hurriedly erected. The furniture was half old, half new; and on the dressing-table stood a very quaint oval mirror, in a frame of black wood—an unpolished ebony, I think. I can remember the very pattern of the carpet, the number of chairs, the situation of the bed, the figures on the tapestry. Nay, I can remember not only the color of the dress I wore on that fatal evening, but the arrangement of

every scrap of lace and ribbon, of every flower, every jewel, with a memory but too perfect.

Scarce had my maid finished spreading out my various articles of attire for the evening (when there was to be a great dinner-party) when the rumble of a carriage announced that Lady Speldhurst had arrived. The short winter's day drew to a close, and a large number of guests were gathered together in the ample drawing-room, around the blaze of the wood-fire, after dinner.

My father, I recollect, was not with us at first. There were some quieties of the old hard-riding, hard-drinking stamp still lingering over their part in the dining-room, and the host of course, could not leave them. But the ladies and all the younger gentlemen—both those who slept under our roof, and those who would have a dozen miles of fog and mire to encounter on their road home—were all together. Need I say that Reginald was there? He sat near me—my accepted lover, my plighted future husband. We were to be married in the spring. My sisters were not far off; they, too, had found eyes that sparkled and softened in meeting theirs, had found hearts that beat responsive to their own. And, in their cases, no rude frost nipped the blossom ere it became the fruit; there was no canker in their flowerets of young hope, no cloud in their sky. Innocent and loving, they were beloved by men worthily their esteem.

The room—a large and lofty one, with an arched roof—had somewhat of a sombre character, from being wainscoted and ceiled with polished black oak of a great age. There were mirrors, and there were pictures on the walls, and handsome furniture, and marble chimney-pieces, and a gay Turnery carpet; but these merely appeared as bright spots on the dark back-ground of the Elizabethan wood-work. Many lights were burning, but the blackness of the walls and roof seemed absolutely to swallow up these rays, like the mouth of a cavern. A hundred candles could not have given that apartment the cheerful lightness of a modern drawing-room. But the gloomy richness of the panels matched well with the ruddy gleam from the enormous wood-fire, in which, crackling and glowing, now lay the mighty Yale log. Quite a bigoted red Jester pouted forth from the fire, and quivered on the walls and grained roof. We had gathered round the vast antique hearth in a wide circle. The quivering light of the fire and candles fell upon us all, but not equally, for some were in shadow. I remember still how tall and manly and handsome Reginald looked that night, taller by the head than any there, and full of high spirits and gayety. I, too, was in the highest spirits; never had my bosom felt lighter, and I believe it was my mirth which gradually gained the rest, for I recollect what a blithe, joyous company we seemed. All save one, Lady Speldhurst, dressed in gray silk and wearing a quaint head-dress, sat in her arm-chair, facing the fire, very silent, with her hands and her sharp chin propped on a sort of ivory-handled crutch that she walked with (for she was lame), peering at me with half shut eyes. She was a little spare old woman, with very keen delicate features of the French type. Her gray silk dress, her spotless lace, old-fashioned jewels, and prim neatness of array were well suited to the intelligence of her face, with its thin lips and eyes of a piercing black, undimmed by age. Those eyes made me uncomfortable, in spite of my gayety, as they followed my every movement with curious scrutiny. Still I was very merry and gay; my sisters even wondered at my extreme mirth, which was almost wild in its excess. I have heard since then of the Scotish belief that those doomed to some great calamity become *fey*, and are never so disposed for merriment and laughter as just before the blow falls. If ever mortal was *fey*, then, I was so on that evening. Still, though I strove to shake it off, the pertinacious observation of old Lady Speldhurst's eyes did make an impression on me of a vaguely disagreeable nature. Others, too, noticed her scrutiny of me, but set it down as a mere eccentricity of a person always reputed whimsical, to say the least of it.

However, this disagreeable sensation lasted but a few moments. After a short pause my aunt took her part in the conversation, and we found ourselves listening to a weird legend which the old lady told exceedingly well. One tale led to another. Every one was called on in turn to contribute to the public entertainment, and story after story, always relating to demonology and witchcraft, was told. The visitor hobbled up the broad oak stairs actively enough, propped on my arm and her ivory crutch. The room never had looked more ghoulish and pretty, with its brisk fire, modern furniture, and the gay French paper on the walls. "A nice room, my dear, and I ought to be much obliged to you for it, since my maid tells me it is yours," said her ladyship; "but I am pretty sure you repeat your generosity to me, after all those ghost stories, and tremble to think of a strange bed and chamber, eh?" I made some common-place reply. The old lady arched her eyebrows. "Where have they put you, child?" she asked; "in some cock-loft of the turrets, eh? or in a bower-room—a regular ghost-trap? I can hear your heart beating with fear this moment. You are not fit to be alone." I tried to call up my pride, and laugh off the accusation against my courage, all the more, perhaps, because I felt its truth. "Do you want any thing more that I can get you, Lady Speldhurst?" I asked, trying to feign a yawn of sleepiness. "The old dame's keen eyes were upon me. "I rather like you, my dear," she said, "and I liked your mamma well enough before she treated me so shamefully about the christening dinner, and if an owl should but flap your window to-night, it might drive you into fits. There is a nice little sofa-bed in this dressing-closet—call your maid to arrange it for you, and you can sleep there snugly, under the old witch's protection, and then no goblin dare harm you, and nobody will be a bit the wiser, or quiz you for being afraid." How little I

and the rime on the grass, and scarlet berries and green spikelets of the holly; and with me—but, ah! what was to happen ere another day dawn? Before we had made an end of this talk my father and the other squires came in, and we ceased our ghost stories, ashamed to speak of such matters before these new-comers—hard-headed, unimaginative men, who had no sympathy with idle legends. There was now a stir and bustle. Servants were handing round tea and coffee, and other refreshments. Then there was a little music and singing. I sang a duet with Reginald, who had a fine voice and good musical skill. I remember that my singing was much praised, and indeed I was surprised at the power and pathos of my own voice, doubtless due to my excited nerves and mind. Then I heard some one say to another that I was by far the cleverest of the Squire's daughters, as well as the prettiest. It did not make me vain. I had no rivalry with Lucy and Minnie. But Reginald whispered some soft fond words in my ear, a little before he mounted his horse to set off homeward, which did make me happy and proud. And to think that the next time we met—but I forgave him long ago. Poor Reginald! And now shawls and cloaks were in request, and carriages rolled up to the porch, and the guests gradually departed. At last no one was left, but those visitors staying at the house. Then my father, who had been called out to speak with the bailiff of the estate, came back with a look of annoyance on his face.

"A strange story I have just been told," said he; "here has been my bailiff to inform me of the loss of four of the choicest ewes out of that little flock of Southdowns I set such store by, and which arrived in the north two months since. And the poor creatures have been destroyed in so strange a manner, for their carcasses are horribly mangled."

Most of us uttered some expression of pity or surprise, and some suggested that a vicious dog was probably the culprit.

"It would seem so," said my father; "it certainly seems the work of a dog; and yet all the men agree that no dog of such habits exists near us, where indeed, dogs are scarce, excepting the shepherds' collies and the sporting dogs secured in yards. Yet the sheep are grieved and bitten, for they show the marks of teeth. Something has done this, and has torn their bodies wofully; but apparently it has been only to suck the blood, for little or no flesh is gone."

"How strange!" cried several voices. Then some of the gentlemen remembered to have heard of cases when dogs addicted to sheep-killing had destroyed whole flocks, as if in wantonness, scarcely deigning to taste a morsel of each slain wether.

My father shook his head. "I have heard of such cases, too," he said; "but in this instance I am tempted to think the malice of some unknown enemy has been at work. The teeth of a dog have been busy doubt, but the poor sheep have been mutilated in a fantastic manner, as strange as horrible; their hearts, in especial, have been torn out, and left at some paces off, half-gnawed. Also, the men persist that they found the print of a naked human foot in the soft mud of the ditch and near it—this." He held up what seemed a broken link of a rusted iron chain.

Many were the ejaculations of wonder and alarm, and many and shrewd the conjectures, but none seemed exactly to suit the bearings of the case. And when my father went on to say that two lambs of the same valuable breed had perished in the same singular manner three days previously, and that they also were found mangled and gore-stained, the amazement reached a higher pitch. Old Lady Speldhurst listened with a remarkable repugnance to my godmother, but joined in none of our exclamations. At length she said to my father, "Try and recollect—have you no enemy among your neighbors?" My father started, and knit his brows. "Not one that I know of," he replied; and indeed he was a popular man and a kind landlord. "Therefore lucky you," said the old dame, with one of her grim smiles. It was now late, and we retired to rest before long. One by one the guests dropped off. I was the member of the family selected to escort old Lady Speldhurst to her room—the room I had vacated in her favor. 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A pretty and suitable way of observing next Thursday would be by a floral procession of the children. There is no need of expense, or of a troublesome collation. The banners that were put up for our last celebration would do now, with slight changes. Our children could march through the streets, giving to all who behold them the purest pleasure, and experiencing the same emotion in their own hearts.

But the day is near at hand, and if anything is done it must be started without delay. Red tapestry need not trouble us, as we must not stand for ceremonial formalities. Our school teachers would be an admirable committee to arrange and carry out the whole thing, while there are enough others who would be glad to render all needed assistance. Shall anything be done to commemorate the day in Woburn?

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The forty-third anniversary of the organization of the Sabbath School connected with the First Congregational Society in this town, was celebrated in the church last Sabbath afternoon, taking the place of the usual afternoon exercises. The day was pleasant, though warm, and a very large audience was in attendance. The children of the school occupied the four central rows of pews. The exercises consisted of singing by the children, prayer, an address by the superintendent, in which he gave a brief history of the school, and then the school was dismissed. Addresses were made by Mr. M. H. Sargent of George town, Mr. Joseph Story, of Boston, and Rev. Mr. Worcester of the Mission House, Boston. The occasion was one of peculiar interest to all present. A Sabbath School was established, according to one of the oldest officers of the church, as early as 1815, but there was no systematic organization prior to 1830.

POST OFFICE.—Our new Post Master, Nathan Wyman, Esq., is laying a place fitted up for his office in first rate shape in the large and commodious store of Mr. J. W. Hammond. He has had an elegant case of letter boxes—300 in number—made, with two openings for the delivery of letters. We understand that the office will be moved to its new location July 1st. It has been the good fortune of this town to have faithful and accomodating Post Masters for a long series of years, and the present change will not break up the pleasant chain of experience.

The Woburn Mechanic Phalanx, under the command of Capt. Timothy Wm. Hinman, has been attached to the Sixteenth Regiment.

Columbia College has conferred the honorary degree of LL.D. upon President Lincoln. Dr. Lieber carried the Diploma to Washington.

The Middlesex Journal, now at Camp Defiance, Cairo, no less than three of the Captains are Massachusetts men. Capt. C. W. Holden, of the Gates Rangers of Lincoln, formerly belonged to the old Woburn Mechanic Phalanx; Capt. A. J. Babcock, of the Springfield Zouaves, was a member of the Lowell Mechanic Phalanx, and Capt. Cummings, of the Bunker Hill Company, emigrated from Lawrence. The Drum Major of the Regiment, Major William Holden, is also a Massachusetts man, having gone from Woburn. He is a veteran soldier, and wears ten stripes upon his arm, indicative of fifty years' service.

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